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PDAC Investor's Exchange panoramic view.

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As an old hand I knew to register on the Saturday afternoon to

avoid the inevitable long queues on Sunday morning, so entry was swift and I felt sorry for those people having to wait in line.

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I struggled to find companies that really interested me due to the early stage nature of most of the companies presenting.

The standout of the day was **Southern Cross Gold**, a dual listed ASX/TSX stock, exploring close to Fosterville in Victoria state, Australia. It features legendary gold investor Pierre Lassonde as one of it's investors, and a host of quality institutional funds, always a good sign.

The other company I liked was **Avino Silver**, which is about to put the old **Orko Silver** Preciosa mine into production.

Avino's existing producing silver mine is around 20 ,miles from Preciosa, allowing them the advantage of being able to truck the ore there rather than build a stand alone plant, a massive saving on capex.

Production is due to start soon and as Preciosa's ore is higher grade, should improve Avino's AISC, and obviously cashflow and profits. As a virtually pure silver play, I am looking into investing in Avino.

I also liked Winsome Resources, a lithium play, and Emperor Metals, but as the latter is on the CSE I cannot buy that or hold it in my ISA.

Day 2 today, my feet already hurt, so I'm going to minimise my walking today if that's possible.

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