

## A MEMORABLE MEETING



IMPC Steering Meeting San Francisco February 1994 from left to right: R. Villas Bôas, H. Hoberg, Peggy Fuerstenau, Kal Sastry, Eric Forssberg, J.A. Herbst, Douglas Fuerstenau, Gianfranco Ferrara, Paolo Massacci (photo by F. Habashi)

In February 1994 I attended the Steering Committee Meeting of the International Mineral Processing Congress as representative of Canada. The meeting took place at Hotel Saint Francis in San Francisco, California under the Chairmanship of Prof. Eric Forssberg from Sweden. One of the items to be discussed on the agenda was naming the newly created medal by IMPC. After the coffee break, Prof. Douglas Fuerstenau left the room and the second part of the meeting came to order. John Herbst proposed that the medal be named the Douglas Fuerstenau Medal. After a short silence I asked why naming medal after Douglas Fuerstenau? I argued that Douglas Fuerstenau is still alive, he did not even retire, and did not finance the cost of the medal. He certainly could create a medal in his name by financing it but the present medal is created by IMPC and should be IMPC Medal. After a hot debate, the chairman ordered the meeting interrupted for ten minutes.

When the Committee resumed its deliberations after the short break, I was pleased to see that Herbst's proposal was killed and the medal was to be named IMPC Medal. Interestingly enough, during the same week I attended the SME Annual Meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico where a new award was created by SME and named the Milton E. Wadsworth Award - - Wadsworth was still active at the University of Utah and he did not even finance the Award!

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