

## 2012 Conference on Mineral Resources and Reference Materials

The Central Geological Laboratory (CGL) of Mongolia has been closely affiliated with the IAG since 2008, with a focus on collaborative efforts to develop and certify the highest-quality geochemical reference materials (RMs). On 27–28 November 2012, the CGL hosted the second International Conference on Mineral Resources – Reference Material in Ulaanbaatar. This event was attended by over 100 delegates, including scientists, metrologists and reference material providers from seven nations. The major themes of the two-day event included recent innovations in the production of geochemical RMs, trends in industrial demand for new RMs, and proper strategies for using RMs as a tool for worldwide quality assurance. Much work has been invested in establishing Mongolia as a world leader in the production of geochemical RMs, a logical direction in view of the great economic importance the mining industry has for this nation. A highlight of the conference was the formal handing over of the ISO Guide 34 Certificate of Accreditation, thereby confirming the CGL's high level of competence in the production of geochemical reference materials.



*Group photograph taken during the “Mineral Resources – Reference Material” conference held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia*