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Description
Significant refinements of biogeochemical methods applied to mineral exploration have been made during more than twenty years since the last major publication on this technique. This innovative, practical and comprehensive text is designed as a field handbook and an office reference volume. It outlines the historical development of biogeochemical methods applied to mineral exploration, and provides details of what, how, why and when to collect samples from all major climatic environments with examples from around the world. Recent commercialization of sophisticated analytical technology permits immensely more insight into the multi-element composition of plants. In particular, precise determination of ultra-trace levels of "pathfinder" elements in dry tissues and recognition of element distribution patterns with respect to concealed mineralization. Data handling and interpretation are discussed in context of a wealth of previously unpublished information, including a section on plant mineralogy, much of which has been classified as confidential until recently. Data are provided on the biogeochemistry of more than 60 elements and, by case history examples, their roles discussed in assisting in the discovery of concealed mineral deposits. A look to the future includes the potential role of bacteria to provide new focus for mineral exploration. Analyses of samples from the controlled environment of Britain's Eden Project are presented on an accompanying CD as part of a database that includes, also, the potential role of the halogens to assist in mineral exploration. Data on this CD provide a "hands-on? approach for the reader to interrogate and personally assess real datasets from the burgeoning discipline of biogeochemical exploration.

Audience
Researchers and graduate students in geochemistry, Earth surface processes and geology

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Metals in the earth's crust are very unevenly distributed and, traditionally, a small number of ore deposits, districts or countries have dominated the world supply and have influenced commodity prices. The importance of exceptionally large, or rich, deposits has greatly increased in the age of globalization when a small number of international corporations dominate the metals market, based on few very large ore deposits, practically anywhere in the world. Search for giant orebodies thus drives the exploration industry: not only the in-house teams of large internationals, but also hundreds of junior companies hoping to sell their significant discoveries to the "big boys".

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- ore deposits
The proceedings volume (incl. CD-ROM) is a compilation of approximately 400 extended abstracts (up to 4 pages long) of presentations given at the 8th Biennial SGA Meeting. The papers are grouped according to the thematic sessions within which they were presented, including Tectonics, lithospheric, and deep mantle controls on global metallogenic provinces and giant ore deposits; Base and precious metal mineralization in sediments during basin evolution; Metallogeny and exploration of uranium deposits; Magmas and base-metal ore deposits; Epigenetic gold systems; Submarine ore systems and ancient analogues; Understanding ore systems through precise geochronology, isotope tracing and microgeochemistry; Geology and economics of non-metallic resources; Conceptual targeting of mineral deposits. Due to the meeting being held in Beijing, the conference and proceedings volume also feature thematic sessions that focus on specific regions throughout Asia, such as Mesozoic to recent geodynamics and metallogeny of eastern Asia; Metallogeny of the Tethys-Himalayan Orogen; Geodynamics and metallogeny of the Altaid Orogen; and Exploration, Discovery, and Mine Developments in China. As such, the volume represents a comprehensive summary of cutting-edge developments across a wide range of subject matters that are of extreme relevance to the global research, mining and exploration community.
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