## 43rd Annual Atlantic Micromounters' Conference



April 22-23, 2016

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The Micromineralogists of the National Capital Area, Inc.

Friday 22, 6-9pm Saturday 23, 8:30am – 9pm We invite you to attend our annual conference.

Featured speaker: Tony Nikischer, Excalibur Minerals of Charlottesville, VA

**Speaker Biography:** Tony's interest in minerals was stimulated by an early visit to Franklin, NJ in the 1960s. Today, he is founder and president of Excalibur Mineral Corp., arguably the largest provider of systematic minerals in the United States. The company has specialized in rare minerals for researchers, museums and private collectors worldwide since 1974. He operates an in-house analytical laboratory and is also the publisher of the monthly periodical, *Mineral News*.

He is the founder and chairman of The Hudson Institute of Mineralogy, a not-for-profit foundation devoted to study, preservation and public education pertaining to the mineral kingdom. The Institute is now the parent organization of Mindat.org, the most prolific and widely viewed mineralogical website in the world. Tony has served as a director of the Friends of Mineralogy and is a Life Member of the Mineralogical Society of American, and is also a member of both the Mineralogical Association of Canada and the Mineralogical Society of Great Britain.

In 2001, the new mineral "nikischerite" was named in his honor. Tony has contributed over 200 articles to publications such as *Mineralogical Record, Rocks & Minerals, Mineral News* and *Applied Spectroscopy*, and he has co-authored descriptions of a number of new mineral species. He was awarded the Salotti Earth Science Education award in 2013.

Tony's topics include: #1. "How New Minerals Are Discovered and Named" (example nikischerite) #2. "Minerals of the Kola Peninsula" #3. "Rocks from Space".

**Registration fee \$30**. Includes 3 Lectures: Friday evening coffee/tea social with light appetizers. Saturday continental breakfast, and lunch are included - deli sandwiches, side dishes, beverages, and dessert. Mineral dealers, silent auction, mineral giveaways, geology friendship.

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## **Club website** www.dcmicrominerals.org **Registration form** Please complete the form below and mail it before April 15. Make checks payable to: Atlantic Micromounters' Conference **Return registration to: Kathy Hrechka** 7201 Ludwood Court Alexandria, VA 22306 \*SpringHill Suites by Marriott; 6065 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA 22303 \$119 USD Studio 2 Queen & Sofa bed Check in: 4/22/16 Check out: 4/24/16 Hotel reservation Group code: AMC Cut- off date: 3/18/16 Phone: (571) 481-4441 Book your hotel group rate: Book your group rate for Atlantic Micromounters \*Holiday Inn Express; 6055 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22303 Phone: (571) 257-9555 (Next door to conference site) \*Days Inn Alexandria South, 6100 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria, VA 22303 Phone: (703) 329-0500 (Across street from conference site) \*Red Roof Inn; 5975 Richmond Hwy 5975 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria, VA 22303 Phone: (703) 960-5200 (1/8-mile North of conference site) Please print all information and return this portion to Kathy, along with your payment. 2016 Name City\_\_\_\_\_\_ State\_\_\_\_ Zip Code\_\_\_\_\_\_ Telephone\_\_\_\_\_Email\_\_\_\_ Pre-Registration \$30. (before April 15) Number\_\_\_\_\_ Total \$\_\_\_\_\_ Registration at the door will be \$35. Check the portions of the conference you will be attending. Friday Reception 6-9pm Saturday Conference 8:30am-9pm

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