



Governmental and Industry Funded University Research: The Case Study of Gold Gravity

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Dr. Farzanegan suggested that I speak about how governmental research funding agencies, mining corporations and researchers work together in Canada to foster applied research in mining. What a wonderful idea, I first thought. But as I thought more about it, I came to realize that I would be faced with two difficulties. First, I am not an expert on the topic of how applied research should be supported. Second, I am not sure that the Canadian model works so well that I would wish that it should be exported abroad or even that it would be applicable to the Islamic Republic of Iran. However, I have been involved in mining applied research all my life, mostly, but not only in Canada. My first research project was in 1971 in an underground mine, in Northern Canada, as an undergraduate summer student. Most of my research has been jointly supported by Canadian federal and provincial agencies, and I owe a tremendous debt to mining corporations that have and continue to support my research. This Iranian Mining Conference actually coincides with my 25 years of research and teaching at McGill University, so I have a small amount of experience in mining research, and I am a very thankful