

Rhona O’Connell, Managing Director of GFMS Analytics Ltd., has been named the winner of the inaugural “Commodities Analyst of the Year” award for the Association of Mining Analysts.



At a ceremony at the Mines and Money Conference in London in late November 2007, Rhona received her award from AMA Chairman Tony Mahalski, who commented that it should perhaps be a lifetime award given Rhona’s longevity in the markets. She does however, have no intention whatsoever of retiring quite yet!

Highlights

Rhona spearheads GFMS Analytics Limited, part of the GFMS Group, providing precious metals market analysis and comment. The metals covered are gold, silver, platinum and palladium, looking at the markets themselves in the context of the economic, political and financial environment while considering also the performance of other asset classes and related mining equities. She is a recognised authority in the metals markets, with over 20 years’ experience as an analyst in the sector.

Biography

After graduating from Cambridge University with a law degree she gained her first experience in the precious metals markets working for mining company Consolidated Gold Fields Ltd. The company was then the producer of the *Gold Surveys* that are now under the auspices of GFMS, and Rhona was involved in the compilation of these Surveys along with in-house analysis of silver and the platinum group metals for mine feasibility studies and marketing plans. She subsequently worked for commodity brokers Rudolf Wolff, was the precious metals analyst for investment bankers Shearson Lehman and spent ten years as a metals markets analyst in the stock broking fraternity (including T. Hoare and Co., latterly Canaccord (Europe)) before managing the gold market research at the World Gold Council. She joined forces with GFMS Ltd in 2004 thereby almost, but not quite, coming full circle.

