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FOREWORD

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In 1988, the Service of Geological and Mineral Resources (SGMR) in Venezuela invited CPCER to organize a symposium on the geological evolution of the Andes and its relation to hydrocarbon and mineral resources. The symposium was held in Caracas, Venezuela, during the period 14–18 November 1988. The symposium was organized by the SGMR, the Venezuelan Institute of Scientific Research (IVIC), the University of Caracas, and the University of Valencia. The symposium was attended by 120 scientists and engineers from 15 countries. The symposium was organized into four main sessions: (1) geological evolution of the Andes; (2) hydrocarbon resources; (3) mineral resources; and (4) environmental geology. The symposium was a great success, and it was decided to publish the proceedings of the symposium in a book. The book is now available, and it is hoped that it will be of great interest to all those who are interested in the geological evolution of the Andes and its relation to hydrocarbon and mineral resources.

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