

The Society of Mining Professors (SOMP) in collaboration with the Mining Engineering Education South Africa (MEESA) and The Southern African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (SAIMM) is proud to host

Society of Mining Professors 6th Regional Conference 2018

Overcoming challenges in the Mining Industry through sustainable mining practices

12–13 March 2018 — Conference
14 March 2018 — Technical Visit

Birchwood Hotel and Conference Centre, Johannesburg, South Africa

BACKGROUND

The Mining Engineering Education South Africa (MEESA) will host the Society of Mining Professors (SOMP) 6th Regional Conference with the theme: *Overcoming challenges in the Mining Industry through sustainable mining practices*. The Society of Mining Professors is a vibrant Society representing the global academic community and committed to making a significant contribution to the future of the minerals disciplines. The main goal of the Society is to guarantee the scientific, technical, academic and professional knowledge required to ensure a sustainable supply of minerals for mankind. The Society facilitates information exchange, research and teaching partnerships and other collaborative activities among its members. MEESA is comprised of the School of Mining Engineering at the University of Witwatersrand, the Department of Mining Engineering at the University of Pretoria, the Department of Mining Engineering at the University of Johannesburg and the Department of Mining Engineering at the University of South Africa.

The 6th Regional Conference gives a platform to academics, researchers, government officials, Minerals Industry professionals and other stakeholders an opportunity to interact, exchange and analyse the challenges and opportunities within the Minerals Industry. For any country to develop technologically and economically there must be a strong link between its industry, government & academic institutions. This conference will put together the role-players of the Mineral Industry from within and outside South Africa.

RATIONALE FOR SOCIETY OF MINING PROFESSORS (SOMP) REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The main aim of this conference is to facilitate information exchange. It is known that the mining industry is currently faced with big challenges ranging from the technical skills shortage, deep ore bodies, declining ore grades, challenges linked to processing ores with complex mineralogy, water quality and supply to the ever escalating energy costs and sustainability amongst others (Musiyarira et al., 2014). To address some of these challenges there must be a strong link between its industry, government & academic institutions. This will only happen when all the role-players collaboratively work together. The set-up of this conference is such that it allows the interaction between the Minerals Industry players and the academics.

CONFERENCE APPROACH

The conference will feature peer reviewed technical presentations from academic, government and Industry professionals on a wide range of topics. While outlining the Conference programme, great emphasis is laid on participants' interaction in addition to the presentations. The conference will be structured as follows:

FEATURES

- ◆ Two-day technical programme with peer-reviewed papers
- ◆ Relevant discussion workshops
- ◆ Field trips and site tours
- ◆ Networking opportunities
- ◆ Keynote lecturers

FACILITATOR

The Conference is being organised by Society of Mining Professors (SOMP) in collaboration with the Mining Engineering Education South Africa (MEESA) and The Southern African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (SAIMM). The Conference presenters are well-known and highly respected experts in their fields, and will cover a wide range of topics. Presentations will be followed by discussions.

TARGET AUDIENCE

The Conference will be of benefit to the Minerals Industry professionals, academics, non-government, government officers and other stakeholders.

EVENT MANAGEMENT SAIMM

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