

ANNOUNCEMENT

Two years after the first successful conference "Sustainable Development Indicators in the Mineral Industries SDIMI 2003" on Milos island we are pleased to inform you that the next conference "SDIMI 2005" will take place in Aachen, Germany, May 18th -20th, 2005 under the framework of Aachen International Mining Symposia (AIMS).

This conference jointly organised by the RWTH Aachen University, Germany, Virginia Tech University, USA and the Technical University of Crete, Greece, is world wide the only event dedicated to the issue of sustainability indicators in the mineral industries.

SDIMI 2003 attracted 200 international attendees representing industry, governmental organisations, associations, research and academia. On that occasion the MILOS DECLARATION was adopted and has been signed by most of the institutes representing the minerals professional as the American Society of Mining and Reclamation, the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy, the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum, the European Federation of Geologists, the Iberoamerican Association of Mining Education, the Institute of Geologists of Ireland, the Peruvian Institute of Mining Engineers, the Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration, the Society for Mining, Metallurgy, Resource and Environmental Technology, the Society of Mining Professors, the South African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy and the Spanish Association of Mining Engineers.

MOTIVATION

Meeting the development needs of the world's growing population without depriving future generations of the means to meet their own needs, better known as Sustainable Development is the key challenge facing the minerals and mining industry.

The objective of this Conference is to assist the mining and minerals industries in their global transition to sustainable development. The main theme of the meeting, therefore, is the development, monitoring and assessment of sustainable development criteria for mineral operations. A goal of the Conference is also to conclude with a consensus plan and a process, representing a variety of stakeholders, which can provide audience to the minerals community on the path to sustainable development.

At present a special focus of public perception is placed on environmental and social consequences of mining. Growing environmental and social concerns, supply chain procurement standards as well as public pressure and regulatory measures will profoundly shape the global mining business in the near future. In order to cope with these challenges the mining and minerals companies are forced to integrate sustainable development as well as stakeholders' participation into their business strategies and policies.

Up to now there are on-going discussions and projects on the development of sustainability indicators however these different efforts haven't resulted into a common agreement yet.

TOPICS

- Sustainability indicators for the mineral industry
- Best practice of sustainable development in the mineral industries
- Product stewardship and product life cycle assessment
- Certification, evaluation and auditing
- Social contributions and environmental performance
- Sustainability reporting
- Financial evaluation and risk assessment
- Sustainable land use
- Minerals and resources policies
- Conservation of nature
- Climate change

WHO YOU WILL MEET

- Operating companies
- Government agencies involved in planning and regulating mining operations
- The environmental community
- The investment community
- Research and development organizations and academic institutions
- Mining associations

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

| Wednesday, 18 May | Thursday, 19 May | Friday, 20 May |
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| | 9.00 - 9.30 Opening Ceremony | 9.00 - 13.00 Working Sessions |
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| 17.00 - 19.00 Registration | 13.00 - 14.00 Lunch | 13.00 - 14.00 Lunch |
| | 14.00 - 18.00 Working Sessions | 14.00 - 18.00 Working Sessions |
| 19.00 - 21.00 Welcome Reception | 19.00 Dinner Party | |

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Organizing Committee invites international experts from Industry and research institutions to submit an abstract of their presentation. Interested contributors are kindly asked to send their abstracts to the symposium secretariat by e-mail, fax or mail.

Abstracts are to be sent to the symposium secretariat before October 15, 2004.

The abstracts should be up to 400 words and the corresponding author should be clearly indicated.

The authors will be notified regarding acceptance of their paper and detailed instructions on paper submission before November 15, 2004.

The camera ready manuscripts will be required before January 31, 2005.

The Conference proceedings will be available to the participants at the time of the Conference.

PRE-REGISTRATION

The Pre-Registration Form should be used in order to receive a copy of the Program, which will be published by February 2005.

The Program will include the:

- Registration details
- The tentative scientific program
- The social and the accompanying persons programs
- Accommodation Information
- Travel Information

Please complete and send the Pre-Registration Form, as soon as possible, to the Conference Secretariat by mail, fax or e-mail.

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LANGUAGE

The official language of the Conference is English.

LOCATION

Aachen is situated directly on the border with Belgium and the Netherlands. It is Germany's most westerly city, with a population of more than 250,000.

Aachen unites tradition with progress. Charlemagne has left his mark throughout the city. The cathedral - the first monument in Germany to be included in the UNESCO Cultural Heritage list - and the gothic City Hall in which 32 German kings celebrated their coronations still form the heart of Aachen's old city centre.

The attractive layout of the old city centre, the important historic monuments, the wells and baths over the hottest natural springs in Europe, the bustling activity in the streets and squares, the cultural diversity and quality and the many recreational and leisure activities make Aachen an exciting and pleasing whole.

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