

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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- Information on the Program, that will be published in March 2011
The Program will include the:
 - Registration Details
 - Tentative Scientific Program
 - Accommodation Information
 - Travel Information

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Two years after the fourth conference "Sustainable Development Indicators in the Mineral Industry SDIMI 2009" in Gold Coast, Australia we are pleased to inform you that the next conference "SDIMI 2011" will take place in Aachen, Germany on June 14th -17th, 2011 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.

The first conference SDIMI 2003 held on the island of Milos, Greece 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 and scientific organizations active in the sector.

The declaration emphasises that minerals are essential for meeting current and future societal needs and that the minerals professional community has a critical contribution to make to a sustainable future, through the application of scientific, technical, educational and research skills.

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 yet resulted in a common agreement.

TOPICS

- Emerging Economics
- Risk Management
- Health & Safety
- Technological Development
- Local Communities
- Good Governance
- Capacity Building & Human Resources
- Best Practice of Sustainable Development
- Life Cycle Assessment and Indicators
- Management of Greenhouse Gas
- Green Supply Chain Management
- Social Contributions and Environmental Performance
- Sustainability Reporting
- Sustainable Land Use
- Minerals and Resources Policies
- World Mining Policy
- Water
- Dust
- Beyond Copenhagen

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

Tuesday 14 June	Wednesday 15 June	Thursday 16 June	Friday 17 June
	9.00 - 13.00 Sessions	9.00 - 13.00 Sessions	9.00 - 13.00 Sessions
17.00 - 19.00 Registration	13.00 - 14.00 Lunch	13.00 - 14.00 Lunch	13.00 - 14.00 Lunch
	14.00 - 18.00 Sessions	14.00 - 18.00 Sessions	
19.00 - 21.00 Welcome Reception	19.00 Dinner Party		

+ Optional Field Trips Friday/Saturday (?)

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 email, fax or mail.

The Abstract should include following details:

- Title of Paper
- Short summary of the paper (up to 400 words)
- Complete name and title of author
- Position of author in company
- Address of author including e-mail contact

Important Deadlines:

Abstracts are to be sent to the symposium secretariat before **October 5th, 2010**

The authors will be notified regarding acceptance of their paper and detailed instructions on paper submission before **October 19th, 2010**

The camera ready manuscripts will be required before **January 31st, 2011**

The proceedings will be published in the "Aachen International Mining Symposia" with an edition of 500 copies in one volume with approximately 800 pages, including figures and tables.

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

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Operating companies
- Government agencies / Policy-makers
- Non-Governmental Organisations
- The investment community
- Research and development organizations and academic institutions
- Industry associations



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