



# 13th AusIMM Underground Operators' Conference 2017

16-18 October 2017, Gold Coast, Australia

## Capturing the Opportunities: Communication, Collaboration, Innovation

The 2014 Underground Operators' Conference was held in more positive economic times. In the interim, the global market downturn has had a severe negative impact on our industry and by association, many of our colleagues. Some have been fortunate to maintain full-time employment throughout this period, while others have not.

Eighteen months out from the conference we all hope that circumstances will have improved. Nonetheless there are opportunities to be realised and it is in difficult times that innovation thrives through necessity. We need to be adaptable and smarter! We need to share ideas and collaborate to ensure that the mining industry as a whole moves forward. Finally, we need to communicate our ideas; throughout history people have built on the ideas of others and ultimately society has benefitted. It should be no different in the mining industry.

It is for that reason that regular forums such as the AusIMM Underground Operators' Conference are vital to the development of the profession generally. The 13th event of this conference series will provide an opportunity for practitioners to share their learnings, provide inspiration and produce an ongoing reference for years to come. The conference's organising committee is particularly keen to hear from colleagues working overseas to share their experiences.

On behalf of the organising committee of the 13th AusIMM Underground Operators' Conference, I invite you to the Gold Coast in October 2017 to share your ideas and experience, to learn from your colleagues, to renew past acquaintances and extend your professional networks.

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Conference Chair

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## Call for Papers

**Submission Deadline:** 17 October 2016

Papers are invited covering all aspects of mine operation with particular emphasis on operationally focused papers themed towards Capturing the Opportunities to meet the challenges ahead.

Authors are particularly urged to consider the subthemes of Communication, Collaboration and Innovation. Topics could include:

- Understanding your orebody, competent clever mine planning
- Underground mine design, planning and scheduling to drive business outcomes
- Innovation is not just technology
- Application of technology
- Retaining capability in a 'right-sizing' environment
- Effective leadership in tough times
- What has the current downturn meant to the people in our industry?
- Occupational health, safety and environment
- The world is getting smaller
- Improving margins through increasing the revenue side of the equation

We invite authors wishing to present a paper at the 13th AusIMM Underground Operators' conference 2017 to submit an abstract not exceeding 300 words in English to the Speakers' Portal, available via the conference website.

Papers that are accepted will be subject to peer review and will be published in the conference proceedings volume. Authors are required to register and attend the conference to present their papers.

Attending or presenting at this conference will contribute towards AusIMM members' professional development.

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