



DATES: 27 and 28 July 2017 VENUE: Emperors Palace, Ekurhuleni

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Call for abstracts

The Council of the MVSSA has always recognized that the Profession needs to keep pace with the changing mining environment. Right now the legislative imperatives draw us into a direction where measurement seems to be more important than finding engineered solutions to problems, we are experiencing skills shortages at all levels, ventilation departments are being staffed to focus more on the measurement needs than on the bigger picture, and the qualifications are undergoing major changes and upgrades. There are a number of recent technological developments that could assist the profession in gathering data more efficiently and making better use of them in mining initiatives that are becoming more technologically advanced and sophisticated. If we do not embrace these developments, the South African Ventilation Profession could be overtaken and eventually forced into reactive actions.

The aim of the 2017 conference is to look at the future in terms of technological advancements that can be practically incorporated in the way we do things, and to plot a path on how this may be achieved. The objective is to plant seeds in education, training, technological research and advancement, application of these in a modern mining environment and give a new direction for future mine ventilation professionals. The focus for this includes suppliers of such technology, academia, Skills Development Providers (SDP), researchers and operations.

A perception has been created (rightly or wrongly) that delegates attend the annual conferences to learn only whereas they should come prepared to challenge and share. The 2017 Conference aims to dispel this perception and make sure that the Profession stays on the right path to assure its and the mining industry's future.

The conference will be held on 27 and 28 July 2017 at Emperor's Palace, in Ekurhuleni, Gauteng. Attendees will be awarded CPD points. Exhibitors will showcase their products and there will be many opportunities to network and meet colleagues to discuss the issues further.

Abstracts are being sought from mine ventilation professionals, members of other professions within the industry, students, academics and suppliers to highlight:

- Technology and the influence of technology on the ventilation fraternity
- Latest technologies that are, or could be, applied in the Profession Energy, Engineering, Occupational Health issues
- Education and Training of Ventilation Professionals (current and planned)
- The view from operations
- Latest research into improving mine ventilation

Please submit abstracts of no longer than 500 words to the MVSSA Secretary at secretary@mvssa.co.za.

On acceptance of abstracts a paper template will be made available.

Submission of abstracts10 February 2017

Notification of acceptance of abstract24 February 2017

Submission of completed papers21 April 2017

Notification of peer review comments9 June 2017

Final submission of corrected papers23 June 2017

Papers will be peer-reviewed before acceptance in the conference proceedings. Authors undertake to attend the conference and present their papers.