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CALL FOR PAPERS SMRI SPRING 2021 TECHNICAL CONFERENCE



Join Us for Our Virtual Conference!

19–23, April 2021

Spring 2021 Sponsorships

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Technical Class

SMRI is exploring holding the optional Technical Class as part of the Virtual Conference. The "Technical Aspects and Considerations for Cavern Abandonment" class may be part of the Spring 2021 event. More information will be provided in the near future.

Research Presentations

Depending on research project estimated completion dates, it is unlikely there will be any oral research reports presented at this conference. More information will follow in the Conference Announcement, if needed.

Future Conferences

Any updates to the Conference Schedule will be included in the conference announcement.

Fall 2021
19-22 Sept

SMRI European Conference
Krakow, Poland

Spring 2022
3-6 April

SMRI Conference
Rapid City, South Dakota, USA

Fall 2022
25-28 Sept

SMRI European Conference
Chester, United Kingdom

Schedule of Events

Technical Papers: *Important Dates and Author Deadlines*

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| 15 December | Call for Papers released |
| 15 January | 200- to 500-word abstracts due; e-mail to Program Chair |
| 26 January | Speakers notified |
| 5 February | Conference Announcement released |
| 16 February | Conference Registration open: both member and non-member registration open at same time. Pricing to be included in Conference Announcement. |
| 19 February | Unsolicited Research Proposals due; e-mail to Research Coordinator |
| 1 March | Final paper copy due; e-mail to Program Chair |
| 19 March | Presentations due |

Conference Schedule

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| 19 April | 10:00 am–12:00 pm (ET) (Live): Business Meeting (Members Only) |
| 20 April | Technical Paper Presentation, day 1 |
| 21 April | Technical Paper Presentation, day 2 |

(Additional Schedule to be presented in Call for Papers)

Conference Assistance

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Call for Papers Technical Session

Important Dates and Author Deadlines

- 15 January** 200- to 500-word abstracts due; e-mail to Program Chair.
- 26 January** Speakers will be notified of acceptance; provided speaker/author guidelines
- 1 March** Final paper copy due; e-mail to Program Chair

Papers are solicited on all aspects of solution mining and the use of caverns. Suggested topics include:

Disciplines:

- Geology
- Geophysics
- Geochemistry
- Health, safety, and environmental
- Rock mechanics and subsidence
- Drilling and well completion
- Solution mining (rock salt, potash, trona, and other salts)
- Cavern construction, monitoring, and operation
- Surface facility design, construction and operation

Technologies:

- Cavern testing and monitoring (Mechanical Integrity Test, sonar, etc.)
- Cavern sealing and abandonment
- Cavern utilization for energy storage

Applications:

- Brine production of salt, potash, trona, or other water soluble minerals
- Liquid hydrocarbon storage
- Natural gas, hydrogen, and other gases storage
- Renewable energy storage (compressed air and hydrogen)
- Regulatory affairs and best practice standards

Speakers must e-mail their proposed title with a 200- to 500-word abstract to Dan Noack, 2021 Program Chair, by 15 January, 2021. The preliminary list of selected papers will be posted **5 February** online, with later revisions to be posted as necessary.

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2021 Virtual Conference Sponsor Opportunities: 19–23, April 2021

Sponsorship Level

Recognition Includes:

Gold

\$5,000

- ◆ Two free conference registrations
- ◆ Virtual display table in the Vendor Exhibit Hall as part of their sponsorship, consisting of a web page for the sponsor to display a PDF of company information or catalog, product video, and a potential for Q&A sessions with attendees.
- ◆ Sponsor's logo displayed as a **Gold Sponsor** on the conference registration page, on the Technical Program web portal, listing as a **Gold Sponsor** in the Call for Paper and Conference Announcement (if submitted prior to publishing), and 'podium mentions' during Membership Business Meeting
- ◆ Acknowledgement of sponsorship displayed on SMRI website during conference registration through the conference conclusion

Silver

\$2,500

- ◆ One free conference registration
- ◆ Display area in the Vendor Fair. The display area is a shared web page that will allow the sponsor to display a PDF of company information or catalog.
- ◆ Sponsor's logo displayed as a **Silver Sponsor** on the conference registration page, on the Technical Program web portal, listing as a **Silver Sponsor** in the Call for Paper and Conference Announcement (if submitted prior to publishing), and 'podium mentions' during Membership Business Meeting
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Bronze

\$1,000

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Other Options

- ◆ Prize Sponsorship related to Ice Breaker and/or Conference Wrap-Up
- ◆ Please Contact Dawn for more information

There are limited numbers of sponsorships at each level, as shown in table above. Requests for 'standing orders' of sponsorship levels may be made only by members, for future spring, fall, or both conferences.

For proper recognition in conference posters and on SMRI's website, a high resolution .jpg or graphics file of your corporate logo, (maximum of one logo per sponsor, please,) must be provided as early as possible.

SPRING CONFERENCE SPONSOR SIGNUP DEADLINE 1 March

2021. Starting about 1 January we will have a list of spring conference sponsors on the SMRI website. Call for Papers will list sponsors, and will be emailed and posted about 15 December.

FALL CONFERENCE SPONSOR SIGNUP DEADLINE IS 15 August

2021. Starting about 1 July, we will have a list of fall conference sponsors on the SMRI website. Call for Papers will list sponsors, and will be emailed and posted about 15 May.

Sponsorship payment is required one month before the start of the conference.

SMRI is unable to allow advertising at our conferences, as it would jeopardize our non-profit organization status. Accordingly, SMRI will avoid any appearance of endorsement of any company or product, which will also ensure fairness to all SMRI Members. For purposes of this policy, 'advertising' includes, but is not limited to, banners, signs or booths.

For additional information or sponsorship forms, please contact:

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