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## EIG 2016 - University of Birmingham Tues 6th to Fri 9th September 2016 2nd Call for Papers

Since our first call for papers at the end of November, we have had a great response already from people wanting to present at EIG 2016 in Birmingham.

The committee always have a difficult job in accommodating all papers submitted, but will give some recognition to those submitting proposals or abstracts early, particularly as those will help to shape the thematic sessions of the conference. It is therefore well worth getting your proposals to the committee as soon as possible.

As usual, the Conference will incorporate a diverse range of technical themes, and these will ultimately be determined by the abstracts submitted by potential speakers. However, for this second call we would like to reinforce the proposals from the committee for presentations on certain themes:

- 2016 marks the 50th anniversary of the Aberfan tip disaster, so the committee would very much like one of the themes of the conference to be on recent developments and case studies in the safe design of mine and quarry tips (to include both solid and liquid 'tips') and the eventual reclamation of these to beneficial after-use, where appropriate.
- Groundwater and surface water control within mines and hard rock quarries (to include papers on water related aspects of quarry design, mitigation design, successful management regulation, monitoring, reclamation and after-use).

- A third proposed theme is that of health issues within the extractive industry (for example related to respirable crystalline silica (RCS), dust or groundwater pollution).

Other topics on which papers are always invited include:

- Geotechnics
- Hydrogeology
- Industry regulation
- Mineral exploration
- Resource assessment & long-term planning for future mineral extraction
- Geodiversity action plans
- Research & development in the extractive sector
- Economic importance of the extractive sector
- Resurgence of UK mining
- Digability/ equipment selection ("Can you dig it? Yes you can!")
- Black Country / Local Geology

Case studies, particularly those demonstrating best practice, innovation, or interesting lessons learnt, are always very well received.

To register your interest in presenting on any of the above, or an alternative topic, at Birmingham in September, please contact [papers@eigconferences.com](mailto:papers@eigconferences.com), or alternatively any of the committee (see Contact Us page) with your proposals or abstracts.



## Continuing Professional Development

All chartered professionals, including those with CGeol, CEng, CSci or MRICS status, are required to take part in continuing professional development (CPD) in order to retain their registration. CPD enhances professional capability by developing technical and business skills, improving knowledge and keeping up-to-date. Essentially, it involves undertaking a number of professional activities that are outside ones normal paid work.

Attending and learning from the presentations, trade stands and field trips at an EIG event can be counted as CPD; but, more importantly, preparing and presenting a paper, then writing it up and, following external review, having it published in the EIG Proceedings makes a major contribution to an individual's annual CPD requirement. Other activities that can contribute to CPD include reviewing the written papers, and participating in the management and organisation of professional groups, including EIG Conferences.

## EIG Proceedings

All presenters at EIG conferences are able to submit a paper on their presentation for publication in the EIG proceedings (subject to independent and editorial review). Following the 2014 EIG conference in St. Andrews 19 papers have been submitted. Authors normally have to fit the production of a paper around work and other commitments and as a consequence the editors acknowledge that it can take many months before authors are able to submit their work. We would like to thank those authors who have already submitted papers and those who are in the process of trying to get their papers finished and submitted. All of the efforts made by the authors and independent reviewers are much appreciated, they enable the EIG to produce a valuable and useful record of the conferences.

In a change to the normal publication, the next proceedings, due for publication in mid-2016, will also include papers from the 2015 1-day EIG event on 'Surface Water, Groundwater and Flooding in Mines and Quarries'.

In addition to the printed volume, it has recently been decided that pre-publication versions of finalised papers will be released on the EIG website. This will be ahead of the full publication of the proceedings due in mid-2016, to enable authors to direct others to their work as soon as possible and to provide an incentive for the early completion of papers.

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