



EIG CONFERENCES

Extractive Industry Geology Conferences Ltd

Virtual Conference - 3rd / 4th November 2021

EIG 2021 is coming soon in a virtual format. The conference is scheduled for the afternoon of the 3rd and the morning of the 4th of November and it will be unlike anything that we have attempted before.

It will attempt to recreate as much as possible the 'feeling' of a normal EIG conference, without actually being there, with an Auditorium, an Expo Hall, and numerous breakout areas where you will get time to network as you would at a 'real world' conference.

The event is being organised in conjunction with **Virbela** – a highly professional and experienced virtual conferencing organisation which can help us to create precisely what we need. To see what we mean, take a look at: <https://www.virbela.com/>.



Virbela utilises the latest technology to provide a fully interactive experience (rather than being just a collection of webinars for example).

It is a professional business tool that will allow delegates to attend a programme of selected presentations, spread over the two half-day sessions, with opportunities to ask questions and receive answers 'live'.

In addition, delegates will be able to visit and interact with sponsors and exhibitors at

the Expo Hall, where they can meet and discuss with their peers around a range of professional trade stands.

Catching up and networking with our EIG community is something that we have all missed – the virtual EIG 2021 will enable you to do this in a relaxed and comfortable virtual environment (no webcams required!), whilst avoiding any uncertainty or concern over large gatherings and social distancing.

We hope you'll embrace this attempt by the committee to deliver something very different, but very worthwhile and useful to you all.

DELEGATE COST

The EIG committee have agreed that the virtual conference should be **FREE** to all delegates.

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PROGRAMME

An interesting and diverse programme of presentations has been put together by the committee to bridge the gap until the next full conference, postponed until July 2022.

The confirmed speakers and titles are as follows:

- **Geodiversity and Quarry Design in Carboniferous Limestone**
Alan Thompson, Cuesta Consulting & Adrian Wilkinson, Quarry Design
- **Recovering the lost gold of the developing world: Case study in Migori County, Kenya**
Clive Mitchell, BGS
- **Stowe Hill Quarry - A Lesson in Karst HIA**
Deborah Thomas, Envireau Water
- **Chemostratigraphy: A new tool for correlation and rock evaluation in the extractive industries**
Alexander Finlay, Chemostrat Ltd
- **Investigating the palaeogeography and Early Middle Palaeolithic archaeology in the southern North Sea**
Nigel Griffiths, Hanson
- **Needingworth Quarry - The Hydrology of Wetland Restoration**
Rebecca Haw, Envireau Water

The programme will be spread across the two half days, allowing plenty of time for Q&A sessions after each presentation, and also allowing delegates ample time for tea and coffee breaks – virtual biscuits won't be supplied though!

REGISTRATION

Registration details will be available soon via links on the website home page, as well as being sent out via the mailing list and our social media channels.

SPONSOR & EXHIBIT

The virtual conference venue will have a large Expo Hall, where we hope many of our long-time supporters will be taking a booth. Delegates will be able to wander around the hall, viewing materials on the stands and can engage and network with the exhibitors and other delegates alike.



There are three different sizes of booth available. Exhibitors can brand their stands and place interactive materials on the walls if desired.

We will be encouraging exhibitors to stay around after the formal presentations on the first day to allow delegates plenty of time to visit the stands.

For more information regarding exhibiting at the virtual conference, please contact Marcus Dorey (marcus.dorey@hanson.biz).

There are also numerous sponsorship opportunities associated with the virtual conference. For example, company logos can be placed around the venue and will be replicated on the EIG website. If you are interested in sponsoring the event in some way, please discuss your needs with Anne Smith (anne@apsqs.co.uk).

EIG 2022 Conference: 6th - 9th July 2022

The full conference from 2020 was postponed and is now due to be held at the University of Exeter in July 2022.

Work is well underway by the committee to ensure that normal service is resumed with a full programme of lectures and field trips, as well as the usual social events.

Further information will continue to be added to the website, but for now just make sure the new dates are in your diary!

Whilst many papers have been carried forward to the new dates in 2022, we may still require some additional papers – if you are interested in presenting at the conference in Exeter, please contact the papers subcommittee to discuss (papers@eigconferences.com)