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INVITATION FROM THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Greetings from Italy!

I really want to share with you the great pleasure I feel to host the 28th SOMP Annual Meeting and Conference to be held in Torino from July 3rd through July 6th, 2017.

It's an exciting time for all of us, as we continue to meet and bring together inspired people, to ensure that SOMP remains at the cutting edge in order to support Mining and the continuing need of Mankind for raw materials!

Here is the reason why, as organizer of this event, I really would like you to feel involved in this great experience: it will be our success. We should

all be very proud of where we are today and enthusiastic about where we are headed. So I ask you to stay engaged, keep us proactive and cooperate to shape the future of mining.

With regard to Torino, the hosting city of our forthcoming Annual Meeting and Conference, I want to share with you the words of the famous writer Umberto Eco who wrote:

“Without Italy, Torino would be more or less the same. But without Torino, Italy would be very different”.

I'd like to thank you in advance for your important contribution and involvement in our future activities and I'm sure all of you will continue to support SOMP; waiting to meet you and to share the initiatives of the new year 2017, just around the corner.

Let's continue to support Mining and the continuing need of Mankind for raw materials!

Best regards/Mit freundlichen Grüßen und Glückauf

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SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION

AGENDA

Monday, July 3, 2017

- Council Meeting
- Education Committee Meeting
- Research and Industry Committee Meeting
- Members Development Committee Meeting
- Capacity Building Committee Meeting
- Welcome cocktail reception

Tuesday, July 4, 2017

- Opening session
- Business session
- "Research and Industry" sessions
- Social dinner

Wednesday, July 5, 2017

- "Education" sessions
- Members' Development session
- "Research and Industry" sessions
- Awards dinner

Thursday, July 6, 2017

- "Capacity building" sessions
- Closing ceremony

Thursday July 6 - Sunday July 9, 2017

Post-conference tour to the Carrara Marble Quarries, Tuscany and the Cinque Terre.

The scientific programme will include:

- Key-note speakers' lectures
- Invited speakers' lectures
- Selected oral communications
- Selected poster presentations



Palazzo Carignano



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

General rules

- The conference programme will include selected oral communications and poster presentations.
- Abstracts must be prepared using the conference template and emailed to abstract.somp@symposium.it. Deadline for abstract submission will be January 31, 2017
- Abstracts will be subject to review and acceptance by the Organizing Committee.
- When submitting the abstracts, Authors can indicate their preferred method of presentation (oral or poster). Nevertheless, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to assign the abstract to a different method of presentation.
- Only one abstract for each presenting author will be included in the registration.
- Upon notification of abstract acceptance, the presenting author must register for the Conference. Deadline for registration and inclusion in the programme will be March 31, 2017
- The Organizing Committee will select some of the best abstracts and invite the Authors to submit a paper for publication in a special issue of GEAM (Indexed in Scopus and ISI Thompson)
- All accepted abstracts will be included in the conference official programme either as oral or poster presentation.
- In case of abstract/paper publication, Authors will also be asked to submit the copyright transfer document for their work to the conference organizing committee. If previously copyrighted material is included, authors must provide evidence that the copyright holder has given permission for its use. Authors are responsible for ensuring that nothing in their papers infringes any existing copyright.

Abstract instructions

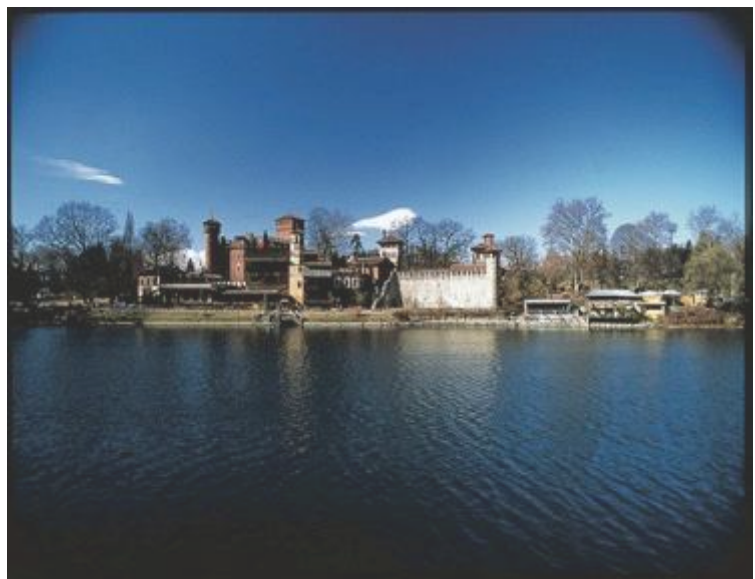
- Abstracts must be written in English and submitted in PDF format, according to the template, downloadable at the abstract page of the conference website.
- Abstracts must include:
 - abstract title in bold letters;
 - list of authors (first name initial letter, family name). Presenters must be listed as the first author;
 - Authors' affiliations (institution, city and country). Use numerical superscripts after each name for different affiliations (if applicable);
 - abstract text (up to 1,500 characters, including spaces).

Topics

- Research and Industry
- Education
- Capacity building

Deadlines

- Abstract submission: January 31, 2017
- Notification of abstract acceptance: March 1, 2017
- Presenters' registration for the conference: March 31, 2017



Medieval Castle at the Valentino Park on the river Po



REGISTRATION

Registration fees

Delegates

Standard Fee: EUR 800,00

Early registration fee (by March 31, 2017): EUR 750,00

The registration fees include:

- access to all scientific sessions;
- conference kit;
- welcome cocktail reception;
- social dinner;
- awards dinner;
- coffee breaks and buffet lunches.

Accompanying persons

Registration fee: EUR 450,00

The registration fees include:

- welcome cocktail reception;
- social dinner;
- awards dinner;
- two full-day guided city tour including lunch*

** a minimum of 15 people is required for the full-day city tours.*

All fees are Italian VAT 22% included.

It will be possible to register for the conference via the online registration system (opening in February 2017) at the conference website www.symposium.it/somp2017

Cancellation policy

- There will be no penalty for registration cancellations received 90 days before the first day of the conference. The full amount paid minus a processing fee (20 Euros) and wire transfer or credit card costs will be refunded.
- A cancellation fee of 50% of the full registration fee plus a processing fee (20 Euros) and wire transfer or credit card costs will be applied for cancellations received between 89 to 45 days before the first day of the conference.
- A cancellation fee of 75% of the full registration fee plus a processing fee (20 Euros) and wire transfer or credit card costs will be applied for cancellations received between 44 to 20 days before the first day of the conference.
- No refund will be issued for cancellations received less than 20 days before the first day of the conference.

All cancellations must be sent in writing via e-mail to the conference secretariat. Cancellation confirmation will be sent within one week.

More information on the cancellation policy will be available at the registration page of the conference website



VENUE

The SOMP conference will be held at the 4-star NH Santo Stefano (via Porta Palatina 19), located in the heart of Torino in the fashionable Quadrilatero Romano district, an area known for its fantastic shopping, restaurants and nightlife. This beautiful design hotel is at walking distance from all the major tourist attractions. Conference facilities include comfortable fully-equipped meeting rooms with a capacity up to 200 seats.





TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Travel to Turin

How to get to Turin

Turin lies in the centre of Europe and takes advantage of a well structured connection system by plane, train and car.

By air

Caselle International Airport (www.aeroportoditorino.it), 20 minutes away from the city centre, allows daily connections with the main European cities.

Moreover Malpensa International Airport (www.milanomalpensa1.eu/en), one of the main European hubs connected to more than 120 cities all over the world, is located only 60 minutes' drive from Turin.

By train

Turin has two main railway stations, Porta Nuova and Porta Susa, both in the city centre. They are connected, also with frequent high speed rail services, to the main destinations in Italy and France, and from there to the rest of Europe. Lyon can be reached in 2.5 hours, Paris in about 5 hours and Milan in only 50 minutes.

More info at www.trenitalia.com

By car

Motorways A6 Turin-Savona, A4 Turin-Milan-Venice, A21 Turin-Piacenza-Bologna, A5 Turin-Aosta, A32 Turin-Bardonecchia connect Turin to most Italian cities, to France, Switzerland, Austria and the rest of Europe



Piazza Castello by night

Visas

To find out whether, depending on your citizenship, country of long-term residence and the duration and reasons for your stay, you need a visa to enter Italy, see the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs website at www.esteri.it/visti/index_eng.asp or check with your local Italian Embassy or other diplomatic representative before you travel. The rules change regularly, so you should check you have the most up to date information for your trip.



About Torino, the hosting city

Roman castrum, medieval town, first capital of Italy. Turin offers a lasting memory of castles, old beautiful palaces, royal residences, monuments.

Turin is one of the cultural leading cities in Italy. The city's lively cultural scene includes music, theatre, visual arts, photography, film, design, dance and heritage as well as a wide choice of museums, 46 in town, such as the world famous Egyptian Museum, the beautiful Galleria Sabauda with Italian and Flemish painting collections, the Automobile Museum, the Modern Art Gallery, the Rivoli Museum of Contemporary Art, the National Cinema Museum with its unique interactive approach.

Moreover, Turin is one of the undisputed world capital of taste. It has always boasted a renowned food and wine tradition. The region's extraordinary cuisine can be enjoyed in over 600 city restaurants.

Turin and its area are a unique location for shopping top level "made in Italy" products: from design to fashion, from food delicacies to jewelry.

Around Turin thousands of excursion opportunities: the Alps, the lakes, the artistic cities and villages, the golf courses, the wine and food tours.

More info on Turin at www.turismotorino.org



Carignano Theatre



Accommodation

An allotment of 80 rooms has been reserved for the conference participants at the conference venue 4-star NH Hotel Santo Stefano. Its rooms combine chic, minimalist design with rustic elegance. Rooms are soundproofed for a peaceful night's sleep. The hotel's restaurant serves traditional Piedmont cuisine, alongside a choice of local wines. There is a nice inner courtyard with outdoor seating for the summer months.

Reservations can be made via the organizing secretariat using the reservation form which will be soon available at the accommodation page of the conference website (www.symposium.it/somp2017).

Conference rates per night, including bed and breakfast treatment, at the NH Hotel Santo Stefano are:

- Standard double room single use: EUR 135,00
- Standard double room: EUR 155,00
- Superior double room single use: EUR 155,00
- Superior double room: EUR 175,00
- Superior XL double room single use: EUR 175,00
- Superior XL double room: EUR 195,00

City tax: EUR 3,70 per day per person.

Availability will be guaranteed until March 31, 2017.
See cancellation policy on the reservation form.

www.nh-hotels.it/hotel/nh-torino-santo-stefano





SOCIAL AND ACCOMPANYING PERSONS' PROGRAMME

Social events

We have an exciting social programme planned for the SOMP conference. You will discover stunning venues, taste the famous food and wines of Piedmont and meet old and new colleagues in a nice, relaxing atmosphere.

The social programme will include a welcome cocktail reception on Monday July 3 at the beautiful Castello del Valentino, a 16th century royal residence of impressive external architecture and beautiful interior spaces.

The social dinner will be held on July 4 at the Museo Nazionale dell'Automobile (National Car Museum, www.museoauto.it), a fascinating, interactive museum which was recently renovated with a modern, innovative design. A real architectural work of art.

A jewel for all car lovers. This social event will be a fantastic occasion to discover one of Torino's most interesting cultural and touristic sites and enjoy the well-known Italian food and wine tradition.

The awards dinner will be held on July 5 in a typical restaurant in the city centre.

More information on this third event will be published as soon as available.



Valentino Castle

Accompanying persons' programme

The accompanying persons will have the opportunity to attend all the conference social events (welcome cocktail reception, social dinner, awards dinner) as well as enjoy two full-day tours to discover Turin's enchanting royal residences, baroque and liberty palaces and world-renown museums.



National Car Museum



National Cinema Museum



Post-conference tour

CARRARA MARBLE QUARRIES, TUSCANY AND THE CINQUE TERRE

July 6, 2017

- ✓ Departure by bus at the end of the Conference. Destination: Lucca, a wonderful medieval city in Tuscany.
- ✓ Dinner in a typical inn in the city centre and overnight in a four-star hotel.

July 7, 2017

- ✓ American breakfast buffet and departure for the Carrara Marble Quarries.
- ✓ Morning: visit to the Quarries
- ✓ Lunch at a typical inn in the small village of Colonnata.
- ✓ Afternoon: visit to the Quarries.
- ✓ Return to the hotel to relax.
- ✓ Dinner at a charming restaurant

July 8, 2017

- ✓ American breakfast buffet and departure for Florence.
- ✓ Morning: guided visit of the city centre.
- ✓ Lunch in a typical restaurant with florentine specialties.
- ✓ Afternoon: free time for shopping.
- ✓ On the way back, stop in Pisa. Guided visit of the Piazza dei Miracoli and dinner. Return to the hotel for the overnight.

July 9, 2017

- ✓ American breakfast and departure for La Spezia.
- ✓ Boarding on a private motorboat. English speaking guide to discover the Poet Gulf, the Palmaria Island and the Cinque Terre (a rugged portion of coast on the Italian Riviera) villages from the sea.
- ✓ Disembarkation in Portovenere for a brief guided walk . Then stop in one of the Cinque Terre and sealunch in a typical inn.
- ✓ In the early afternoon departure for Turin by bus.

Participation fee per person in double room: **EUR 680,00**. Added fee for double room single use: **EUR 130,00**

The rate includes: 3 overnights in a four-star hotel with american breakfast buffet, all meals and beverages as included in the menu, one tour leader accompanying the group, bus transfers, guided touristic visits in English, one private motorboat tour.

A minimum number of 30 people is required for tour confirmation.

For organisational reasons (July is high touristic season in Tuscany), reservations for this post-conference tour must be submitted no later than **March 31, 2017**.

More information on the reservation procedure will be soon available on the conference website (www.symposium.it/somp2017).





FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE CONFERENCE PLEASE VISIT

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