



The SAIMM, GSSA and GASA present the



CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

21–23 OCTOBER 2009

The Fourth World Conference on Sampling and Blending (WCSB4) will be held in Cape Town, South Africa during October 2009. WCSB4 follows the first three successful WCSB conferences held in Esbjerg (2003), Brisbane (2005) and Porto Alegre (2007), and, in keeping with the wishes of the first WCSB committee to hold the conference on all the major continents, the next venue will be Africa i.e. Cape Town. The WCSB was initiated in Denmark as a forum for interaction between sampling practitioners from different disciplines operating in a diversity of fields such as mining, industry, agriculture, environmental sciences, medicine, pharmacy and others. Despite the many applications and numerous challenges facing samplers throughout the world there is commonality to be found in the application of principles and in finding solutions. The WCSB conferences are aimed at improving the level of understanding of the theory and practice of sampling, encouraging best practice and allowing an exchange of ideas associated with the theory of sampling and the practical application.

Along with a worldwide focus on corporate governance in recent years there is a greater need for compliance with international standards and reporting codes. Sampling results form the foundation on which many important (and often costly) decisions are based and errors associated with poor sampling are simply compounded when the results are used for further interpretation (e.g. estimation).

You are invited to contribute to the success of WCSB4 by submitting an abstract for consideration by the Steering Committee. A full paper will be required by all those whose abstracts are accepted for inclusion in the proceedings to be distributed at the conference. Papers are invited in the following categories: sampling theory, sampling in all aspects of mining (e.g. in-situ sampling for mineral resource estimation, grade control, drill and blast hole sampling), exploration, mineral processing and metallurgical accounting, analytical sample preparation, or sampling in the fields of agriculture, pharmacy, environment and medicine. Poster displays are also encouraged and will be included as part of the proceedings.

EXHIBITION/SPONSORSHIP

There are several sponsorship opportunities available. Companies wishing to sponsor or exhibit should contact the Conference Co-ordinator. Details of sponsorship are also available on the website (WCSB4.com)

ORGANISING COMMITTEE:

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WHO SHOULD ATTEND

WCSB4 will be of interest to anyone who is involved in sampling including:

- > managers who make decisions based on the outcome of sampling programmes and who need to understand the risks associated with such programmes
- > managers responsible for compliance with international standards and reporting codes
- > technical specialists making recommendations based on analysis of sampling results
- > sampling practitioners in the mining industry who undertake in *in-situ*

sampling for mineral resource estimation or quality control

- > academics involved in research and development of sampling theory
- > independent consultants offering practical solutions to sampling challenges
- > sampling practitioners in the agriculture, medical and environmental sectors
- > all those who would like to improve their sampling practice
- > business managers from organisations offering sampling solutions or equipment

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Second Announcement and Call for Papers

CALL FOR PAPERS

Prospective authors wishing to present papers at WCSB4 are invited to submit an abstract before **30 January 2009**. Authors will be notified of acceptance by the **16 February 2009**. Papers that are accepted for the conference will be subject to peer review and will be published in a volume of the proceedings to be handed out at the conference.

POSTER DISPLAYS: Contributions in the form of poster displays are encouraged and these will also be peer reviewed and included as part of the proceedings.

OPTIONAL SHORT COURSES

A selection of sampling topics will be included as part of pre- and post-conference courses facilitated by well known sampling experts (e.g. Francis Pitard). Further details will be provided on the WCSB4 website (WCSB4.com) as arrangements are finalised.

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THE DETAILS OF THIS FORM CAN BE POSTED TO US, or E-MAILED:

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- I am interested in attending the Conference
- I expect to be accompanied by my partner
- I may be interested in a short course
- I intend to submit an abstract of a proposed paper

Title of paper:

Personal Details: Name

Address

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