



MINE SUBSIDENCE TECHNOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Announcement of Conference and Call for Papers for the Eighth Conference on Coal Mine Subsidence which will be held at Pokolbin at The Sebel Kirkton Park, Hunter Valley, from Sunday 15th May to Tuesday 17th May 2011.

Previous MSTS conferences were highly successful and this eighth conference will be run in a similar manner to past conferences with the papers being presented on the Monday and Tuesday.

One of the reasons for this success is that ample time is available for social interaction and for both formal and informal discussions with colleagues working on mine subsidence issues. With this in mind, registrations can be undertaken on the evening of Sunday 15th with a Pre-Conference Reception at the venue between 6pm and 8pm. Alternatively, registrations can be completed before the conference presentations starts, which will be at about 8:30am on Monday.

Please put the above conference dates in your diaries, and, please present a paper to inform others of recent developments in mine subsidence, or, interesting case studies.

Venue

This conference will be held at the Sebel Kirkton Park Hunter Valley, which is located at 336 Oakey Creek Road, Pokolbin, NSW, 2320. See details of venue at <http://www.sebelhuntervalley.com.au>. The Pre-Conference Reception and the Conference Dinner will also be held at this venue.

Accommodation is being reserved at The Sebel Kirkton Park for conference delegates and further accommodation is available at nearby resorts, hotels and motels.

Further details concerning the conference management will be provided in future newsletters, emails and notices that will be issued closer to the conference date.

Papers

Papers are now being sought for this 8th MSTS Conference on all aspects of mine subsidence technical and management themes, including:

- Increasing technical and management issues associated with complying with state and federal government mine subsidence approval processes,
- Latest developments in subsidence risk management & ground monitoring techniques,
- Mine subsidence mitigation and remedial measures,
- Current research and development on mine subsidence prediction,
- Community and stakeholder consultation processes, and
- Managing subsidence impacts when mining under and/or near;
 - important infrastructure, such as pipelines, railways, freeways, bridges, fibre cables, etc.
 - natural environmental features including; cliff lines, swamps, rivers, creeks, archaeological and heritage sites, groundwater or surface water resources.

Case studies discussing any of the above themes are always interesting to other conference attendees. All accepted papers will be considered for inclusion, based on their current relevance to the themes above and the number of papers submitted. They will be subjected to peer review and published as conference proceedings in hard copy and on CD and they will be available on-line to MSTS members.

Abstracts

Abstracts of papers are called for this 8th MSTS conference now and acceptance of papers will be advised by 31st January 2011.

Final papers are due by 31th March 2011 to allow sufficient time for the conference proceedings to be compiled and printed.

The format for the submission of final papers will be similar to those accepted at previous conferences and the exact details of the final format will be forwarded to the accepted authors.

Abstracts should clearly state the paper title, the purpose and conclusion of the full paper, and should be limited to one page. The preferred method of submission of the abstract is as an email attachment. Please save your abstract as **MSTS_(Presenting author's name).doc** or Rich Text Format and send it to papers@mstsociety.org

On the subject line of the email please indicate **MSTS (Presenting Authors name)–Abstract** and within the text of the email please advise;

- Title of paper
- Name(s) of authors
- Name of presenting author or key contact
- Institution
- Address
- Contact phone numbers
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Please forward this Announcement of the Conference and Call for Papers to all your colleagues and any contacts who may be potentially interested in this conference, inviting them either to submit a paper or to participate in the conference.

If you have any queries regarding the MSTS or this conference, please do not hesitate to contact the *Conference Paper Editors*, or, if you wish, anyone on the MSTS Committee as listed below, or you can email queries to convenor@mstsociety.org

Thank you in advance for your contribution to the dissemination of this call for papers and to the success of the conference.

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