The Southern African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy is proud to host the

# **FURNACE TAPPING 2018** CONFERENCE

14 October 2018 - Welcome Networking Cocktail & Entertainment

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#### **BACKGROUND**

A controlled tapping process is essential for all pyrometallurgical smelting furnaces. Draining of metal and slag in a controlled fashion is as important as maintaining a closed tap-hole when required. From a furnace containment perspective, the tap-hole area is one of the high wear, and therefore high risk. Tap-hole failures can have devastating impacts on smelters. Risk mitigation steps therefore addresses safety and health of operators, consequential property damages, and loss of production (business interruptions). Tap-hole life-cycle design and management require development of high quality materials, equipment, and methods that not only take criteria for normal operating conditions into account, but also those of maintenance, repairs, and

Furnace Tapping 2014 was a first of its kind event. The event focused on the challenges associated with furnace tap-hole lifecycle design and management, and on finding ways to address these challenges, for which no miracle one-size-fits-all solution exists. South Africa, which produced 18 commodities at more than 75 sites applying smelter technology, was an ideal breeding ground for such an event. Although it had a strong local focus, people from other parts of the world also gathered to share creative solutions to problems many had in common.

The SAIMM takes pride in announcing a follow-up conference, Furnace Tapping 2018, which will again be hosted in South Africa, in October 2018. The high standard of technical papers compiled in the peer-reviewed proceedings of Furnace Tapping 2014 will be maintained. The SAIMM envisage for Furnace Tapping 2018 further documentation of tapping practices by existing operators, more reviews of current operations, and descriptive case studies in which technologies available for tap-hole design, monitoring, closure, and maintenance were applied. Of special interests are feedback on research conducted in the field, and the impact of safety, health and environmental regulations from various parts of the world, on tap-hole life-cycle design and

Looking forward to meeting you at Furnace Tapping 2018!

To provide an international forum for transfer of new knowledge on the design, maintenance, and operating practices surrounding the tapping of pyrometallurgical smelters, and to discuss methods and results of research conducted in the field.



came to be here. I want to know if you will stand back. (from the poem, The Invitation, by Oriah Mountain Dreamer)

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#### **KEYNOTE**

Prof. P.C. Pistorius (Carnegie Mellon University)

> J.J. Sutherland (Transalloys)

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND

The conference is aimed at delegates from the pyrometallurgical industry operating smelters or those who support them, and includes:

- ⇒ First line, middle, and senior management
- ⇒ Plant/production engineers
- ⇒ Process/development engineers
- ⇒ Refractory engineers
- ⇒ Design engineers
- ⇒ Maintenance engineers
- ⇒ Safety practitioners
- ⇒ Researchers in the field



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