



SAIMM PYROMETALLURGY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2026

Foundations of Competitiveness and Sustainability

26-28 MAY 2026

CSIR INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
CENTRE, PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA



25 May 2026 – Workshops
26-28 May 2026 – Conference
29 May 2026 – Technical Visits

ECSA and SACNASP Validated CPD
Activity Credits = 0.1 per hour attended



INTRODUCTION

The South African metallurgical industry is facing significant obstacles: Rising production costs, the closure of key service providers like refractory suppliers, and increasing pressure globally for the industry to transform. To face these challenges, it is important for different areas of the industry to work together.

The Southern African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy (SAIMM) invites you to the 2026 Pyrometallurgy International Conference, taking place from 25 to 29 May 2026. The conference will bring together professionals and experts from the fields of pyrometallurgy, furnace tapping, and refractories under the theme: Foundations of Competitiveness and Sustainability. This theme challenges us to collaborate in finding answers to the difficult questions we are faced with and to develop sustainable solutions to safeguard the future of our industry. We are confident that through collaborative research, innovative technology development and operational excellence, we can transform the industry and secure a greener future for the next generation of pyrometallurgists.

By integrating these three key focus areas, we aim to create a platform for strategic thinkers, policymakers, researchers, and economic influencers to share insights, challenge assumptions, and collaborate on practical solutions for the future of the industry.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Professionals and researchers focused on pyrometallurgy, furnace tapping and refractories
- Industry leaders
- Academics
- Students

DAY 1: WORKSHOPS

- The Future of Pyrometallurgy in South Africa
- Advanced Tapping and Refractories

DAY 2-4: SYMPOSIA (PARALLEL)

- **Pyrometallurgy** in SA Under Pressure – What Next?
- Tapped In – The Future of Sustainable **Furnace Tapping**
- Quo Vadis, **Refractories**?

DAY 5: TECHNICAL SITE VISITS

- To Be Confirmed

CALL FOR PAPERS, PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

Papers, presentations or posters are invited on any topic related to the conference and can be submitted to any of the three Symposia.

Prospective authors are invited to submit titles and abstracts of their papers in English. The abstracts should be no longer than 500 words and submitted via the SAIMM Abstract Portal.

Acceptance of papers for publication in the SAIMM Journal will be subject to peer review by the Conference Committee and SAIMM Publications Committee pre-conference.

SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

STUDENT POSTER COMPETITION

The conference will include a student poster session where students will be given an opportunity to prepare a poster and a 5 minute presentation on their research projects. Students are requested to indicate during the submission that their abstract is for the student poster session. The best student poster will be offered an award.

KEY DATES

- Abstract submission deadline: **17 October 2025**
- Paper submission deadline: **9 February 2026**
- Workshops: **25 May 2026**
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