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SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ROCK ENGINEERING

SYMPOSIUM 2026 BALANCING JUDGEMENT, TECHNOLOGY, AND SUSTAINABILITY IN ROCK ENGINEERING PRACTICES

7-8 JULY 2026
EMPERORS PALACE CONVENTION CENTRE,
KEMPTON PARK

ECSA AND SACNASP VALIDATED CPD ACTIVITY CREDITS = 0.1 PER HOUR ATTENDED

ABOUT THE SYMPOSIUM

The South African National Institute of Rock Engineering Symposium is a forum for Rock Engineering Practitioners to showcase their technical abilities and skills to the industry over a period of two days. Participants and Presenters network, share ideas, knowledge and practices, whilst learning more about the most recent innovations, trends, experiences and concerns in Rock Engineering. In an effort to respond to ideas coming from SANIRE members the 2026 Symposium will feature an opportunity for expanded participation in the programme through presentations. The aim of the Symposium is to broaden participation and learning by opening an opportunity for innovative and challenging material that would not otherwise be available in other formats. The Symposium will be held from the 7-8 July 2026. Interested practitioners, researchers, managers and others in the field of Rock Engineering can create meaningful dialogues by sharing their knowledge through presentations during the Symposium.

Rock engineering is a unique blend of science, iterative processes, empirical wisdom, and professional judgment. In today's rapidly changing environment, where global expectations demand higher standards and practices that prioritise human and environmental impact, the modern rock engineer must be equipped to navigate these dynamics.

This symposium will showcase the evolution of rock engineering practices in a VUCA (Volatile, Uncertain, Complex, Ambiguous) world—highlighting agile and flexible decision-making while upholding the highest engineering standards and a commitment to sustainability.

EXHIBITION/ SPONSORSHIP

We offer several kinds of sponsorship possibilities in SANIRE SYMPOSIUM 2026. This is a great opportunity to have visibility and showcase your company or organisation and your contribution to the rock mechanics industry.



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CALL FOR PAPERS

Abstract Format

The abstract should include the title of the paper, the author/s and provide a general overview of the objectives and outcomes presented in the paper

Key Topics

- Adoption and Application of Digital Technology in design and risk management (e.g., Artificial Intelligence)
- Decision-Making Processes in engineering design
- Human and Environmental Considerations in developing solutions
- Data Collection and Analytics for informed decision-making
- Monitoring and Response strategies for dynamic conditions

Abstracts will be competitively evaluated using:

- Technical soundness
- Innovation in topic and approach
- Creative and compelling content
- Effective use of case studies and literature

Key Dates

- Abstract Submission Deadline: **6 April 2026**
- Technical Paper Submission Deadline: **12 May 2026**
- Presentation Submission Deadline: **23 June 2026**

Each abstract will be reviewed by at least three members of the SANIRE Council and reviewed based on a range of parameters.

NOTE

Abstracts that are not Rock Engineering related or are sales pitches for products or services will not be considered, unless otherwise agreed to by SANIRE Council as a sponsorship package.

Submissions can be made via the abstract portal:

<https://saimm-abstractportal.co.za/>

SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

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ROCKBOWL 2026



DATE: 7 JULY 2026
VENUE: HYBRID EVENT: VIRTUAL, OR
EMPERORS PALACE CONFERENCE CENTRE
REGISTRATION DATE: 1-30 JUNE 2026

WHAT IS ROCKBOWL?

A game of questions & answers in which teams are challenged to answer technical & non-technical questions about rock engineering.

T'S & C'S

Maximum 4 participants per team
All participants to be SANIRE members

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Anyone interested in rock engineering looking to brush up their social skills.... Only joking!
All ages welcome.

WHAT'S UP FOR GRABS?

Bragging rights
A host of fantastic prizes

DON'T MISS OUT!

This year the RockBowl will be HYBRID and teams can participate virtually or face to face at EMPERORS PALACE CONVENTION CENTRE. Teams in attendance must be registered for the Symposium. This is a great opportunity for you and your team to showcase and test your knowledge against the best and brightest in the field of rock engineering. **Register your team today** and stand a chance to become the **2026 SANIRE RockBowl champion**.



HOW TO ENTER?

Complete the entry form with your team name as well as the names and ages of each participant.

**FOR ENTRY FORMS CONTACT
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