
NEWS RELEASE

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Arizona Conference and Mining Hall of Fame partner for December events
Mining professionals and dignitaries will gather in Tucson for three days

Registration is now open for the 2014 Arizona Conference, hosted by the [Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration Inc.](http://www.smenet.org) (SME) in partnership with the [Mining Foundation of the Southwest](http://www.mfswnet.org) (MFSW), December 6-8, 2014 at the JW Marriott Tucson Starr Pass Resort & Spa.

The conference theme is “A Place to Learn From Professionals in the Mining Community.” The featured short course “NI 43-101: Disclosure Best Practices, Pitfalls and Practical Guidance” will be taught by Craig Waldie, Senior Geologist, Ontario Securities Commission. Technical programs include blasting, geology, metallurgy/metallurgical processing/smelting and environmental regulation.

The keynote speaker is John O. Marsden, 2014 SME President and President of Metallurgium. His talk is entitled “iPhones Everywhere, But No One Wants Our Mine.” Marsden has published more than 35 papers, presented a number of keynote presentations and holds 15 U.S. patents. He is the author of “The Chemistry of Gold Extraction” now in its second edition and published through SME.

To kick things off, the 19th annual Diggers & Duffers Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, Dec. 6 at the Starr Pass Resort Golf Club on championship courses that meander through the mountains and arroyos of the desert landscape. Proceeds will offset travel expenses and registration for the University of Arizona SME Student Chapter members to attend the 2015 SME Annual Conference & Expo in Denver, CO, Feb 15-18, 2015.

On Saturday evening, the 32nd American Mining Hall of Fame Awards Banquet, sponsored by the MFSW, will honor 10 individuals and organizations who have shown extraordinary commitment to the mining industry. The 2014 inductee and guest of honor is Armine Frederick Banfield, Jr., Chief Technical Officer of MineSight, Past Chairman and Founder of Mintec, Inc.

SME/MFSW has secured a block of rooms at the Starr Pass Resort & Spa at a special rate until November 7, 2014, based on availability. For conference registration and housing information, visit www.sme.arizonaconference.com.

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