International Conference on Ground Control in Mining
Symposium will be held at Lakeview Resort and Conference Center

The Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration Inc. (SME) is pleased to present the International Conference on Ground Control in Mining (ICGCM), which will be held July 24-26, 2018 at the Lakeview Resort and Conference Center in Morgantown, WV. The three-day symposium will be attended by practitioners from across the globe.

Dr. Syd S. Peng created the ICGCM in 1981 to provide a forum to promote communication among the myriad of stakeholders including academia, consultants, government regulators, manufacturers, mine operators, researchers and support service providers.

Ground control is now standard terminology in mining engineering and mine design. It has replaced the conventional reference to Roof Control. “Ground control not only covers roof, rib and floor controls, it also includes strata movement including failures from the floor strata through the coal seam up to the surface,” said Dr. Peng. “With this concept, the line of thought when confronting a ground control problem is wider and broader, resulting in more appropriate and lasting solutions.”

More than 1,500 papers have been published on ground control issues as a result of these conferences. Presentations during the 2018 conference will address topics including:

- Extreme Ground Conditions – Dynamic Collapse, Bumps and Rockbursts
- Mine Case Histories
- In-situ Stress and Global Stability
- Numerical Modeling Applications in Ground Control
- Fundamental Ground Control Studies
- Rockmass Support Performance
- New Ground Control Products and Equipment Development
- Ground Instrumentation and Monitoring Studies
- Subsurface Subsidence

The annual Syd S. and Felicia F. Peng Ground Control in Mining Award and several scholarships were established with SME in 2005 to promote and encourage the continuing development of ground control technology and education in mining. For more information on the 2018 ICGCM, please visit www.groundcontrolmining.com/index.cfm.

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