

## JULY 2018 BRISBANE

### Ground Support for Underground and Surface Mines

The EAGCG's (the Group's) first meeting for 2018 was held on July 23 and 24 at the Brisbane Marriott.

85 ground control practitioners and 17 students heard 20 presentations. Three excellent keynote presentations were given by Francois Malan from the University of Pretoria, Ismet Canbulat UNSW and Martyn Robotham from Rio Tinto:

- "The historic development of rockburst panel support in deep tabular stopes"
- "Ground Control Practice in Coal Mines"
- "Surface Mining in Challenging Environments – a Rio Tinto perspective"

The attendance numbers were near to the largest to date for one of these events, with great participation throughout the conference from all presenters and attendees. The Group thanks all presenters for sharing their experiences and appreciates the considerable time taken to prepare their talks. As always, the qualities of all presentations were outstanding. Daily prizes for the presentations considered to be both valuable and entertaining went to:

- Seva Shorin from Cannington with his presentation on Cannington paste fill improvements and binder changes.
- Brendan Crompton from New Concept.

The consensus amongst attendees after the event was that it went very well. Like all of our meetings, the professional development and networking opportunities that this meeting provided were invaluable. Providing these opportunities cost-effectively is a fundamental reason for having these meetings and for the existence of the Group.

The Group could not have provided such a high-quality meeting at such a reasonable cost if not for the generous support of the 18 sponsors: Active Minerals, BarChip, BASF, DSI Underground, ESG Solutions, Fero, GCP Applied Technologies, GeobruGG, Grace, IMS institute of mine seismology, Jemrok, Kinetic, Maptek, Minova, New Concept Mining, Normet, Sika and Split Set Mining Systems. Their support is greatly appreciated by the Group. You can link to their websites from the Sponsors page on the Group's web site.

The presentations have been uploaded to the Group's web site. The password to access the information has been sent to the attendees which allows access to download the presentations for a limited time.

The next meeting will be held in mid 2019 in Adelaide. Members will be kept informed by email, LinkedIn and on the Group's web site as more details become available. Please contact the Secretariat at [EAGCGSecretary@outlook.com](mailto:EAGCGSecretary@outlook.com) for sponsorship and participation information.

If you know of any industry personnel who would like to be added to our mailing list, get them LinkedIn to the Group or registered via the Contacts page of the web site.

Regards **EAGCG Committee**: Alex Campbell, Jesse Franks; Morteza Ghamgosar, Tony Meyers; Bre-Anne Sainsbury, Bridget Sladden, Robyn Teet, Des Vlietstra.

