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Sudbury is hosting Mine Operators and Maintenance Engineers for the CIM-MeMO conference

Sudbury, Ontario – Sudbury will host the global mining industry for the Maintenance Engineering and Reliability/Mine Operators (MeMO) Conference September 18-21 at Science North. The theme this year is "Perseverance in a New World" and the three-day program seeks to explore the current challenges in mining operations, maintenance, engineering and reliability and share insights on how mining is adapting to change and improving through the use of cutting-edge new technologies and innovation.

This operators' conference is renowned as a leading venue to make important contacts and learn from colleague's own field experience. Maintenance engineers and mine operators will come together, fostering greater synchronicity between two key professions to ensure smooth operation.

MeMO 2022 is organized by the Surface Mining Society, the Underground Mining Society and the Maintenance, Engineering and Reliability Society of the CIM, along with a volunteer committee and members of the CIM Sudbury branch.

Christine Bertoli, Co-Chair of MEMO remarked, "There is no doubt that everyone across the mining life cycle has been affected by and has had to adjust to the COVID-19 pandemic and rising demands for natural resources. The mining industry continues to be more innovative and introduces new technologies to become safer and increase production. Our technical program at MEMO 2022 showcases industry professionals who will share their new technologies, best practices and approaches. An opportunity to reconnect with industry experts and network. With so much movement the industry, you will also learn about new workforce and training strategies from various organizations."

Confirmed panelists for the Plenary Session on Perserverance in a New World – How mining is adapting to market changes and meeting the demand for base metals, includes: Peter Xavier, Vice-President, Sudbury Integrated Nickel Operations, Glencore; Gord Gilpin, Head of Ontario Operations, Base Metals, Vale; Josée Cyr, Director of Technical Services, Agnico Eagle Mines; and moderated by Conway Fraser, Fraser Torosay.

The technical program will run from September 18-21 and will feature 44 presentations focused on workforce strategies; cultural transformation; water management; Mine design and digital maintenance applications; and new technologies and innvations designed to increasing productivity and reducing costs, health, safety and the environment, risk management, asset management and reliability, strategic planning and innovations in mining processes.

Katie Bureau, Co-Chair of MEMO, stated, "I'm particularly excited about this year's conference because this is a unique moment in time for our mining industry. It may take years to fully realize the impacts of the global pandemic, however, our technical program line-up proves that key benefits include the continuous push for innovation, new technologies, as well as diverse and creative workforce strategies



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as we continue to navigate this new normal. Additionally, with the increased attention on the overall critical minerals strategy, it is imperative that we continue to come together as an industry for knowledge sharing. MEMO 2022 seeks to provide a platform to do just that.”

MeMO 2022 will also feature an interactive tradeshow with 46 exhibitors and four dynamic short courses on *5 Minutes a Day to Digital Adoption*, *Determining Fan Duties and Selecting Main and Auxiliary Fans*, *Adapting to the Future: How to Implement Maintenance Planning that Makes a Difference*, and *Keep Calm It's All Sorted*.

Two 2022 MEMO Field Trips will allow delegates to explore Glencore’s world-class Nickel Rim South underground Mine, and Norcat’s innovative facilities, underground mine, and training center. Nickel Rim South Mine is a modern mine that has been producing nickel, copper, and precious metals ores since 2010. NORCAT works closely with mining companies, mining supply / service organizations, academic institutions, and government partners to develop and deliver customized programs to meet the evolving skills development needs of workers. These exciting virtual experiences will be followed by live Q&A sessions with the presenters.

Learn more and **register** at memo2022.cim.org. Early Bird deadline in August 7th. For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Brianne Valdes brianne.valdes@deswik.com.

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