

## **IFAC TC 6.2 Mining, Mineral and Metal Processing**

### **2023 Minutes of Interim TC Meeting**

Venue: Online (MS Teams)

Date: Thursday, 30 November 2023

Time: 21:00 – 22:00, UTC+8 (local time, Perth, Australia)

#### **MINUTES**

1. *Attendance and Apologies:* (24 attendees)  
Chris Aldrich (chair), Lidia Auret, Jie Bao, Osvaldo Bascur, Jocelyn Bouchard, Kevin Brooks, Zhiwen Chen, Francesco Cuzzola, George Danko, André Desbiens, Morten Hovd, Biao Huang, Gabriel Hulkó, Zhongmei Li, Sven-Olaf Lindert, Kobus Oosthuizen, Jari Ruuska, Daniel Sbarbaro, Javier Sotomayor, Bill Tubbs, Osamu Yamaguchi, Chunhua Yang, Xiaoli Wang, Ping Zhou
2. *Approval of Agenda:* Approved
3. *Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:* Approved
4. *IFAC MMM 2024 (Brisbane, Australia) status report:* CA discussed the status of the 7<sup>th</sup> IFAC MMM Workshop to be held in Brisbane on behalf of the NOC Chair. This included anticipated timelines for the submission of papers early in 2024, advanced negotiation with two main industrial sponsors, negotiation with a potential professional organiser.
5. *IFAC MMM 2025:* A host country for the IFAC MMM Symposium in 2025 had not been determined yet. This was discussed and it was decided that the Chair would follow up with the representatives from Peru (Javier Sotomayer), Italy (Francesco Cuzzola) and South Africa (Kevin Brooks) in that order to expedite approval of a formal proposal.
6. *Open Discussion on TC 6.2 Activities:*  
Various topics were discussed:
  - The Chair encouraged members to join IFAC's new affiliate website
  - It was decided that a subcommittee would be established to improve current general TC 6.2 website.
  - Open access publication in IFAC journals was discussed. Generally, IFAC-PapersOnLine is open access only, while open access publication in other Elsevier IFAC journals could be done for free through a present



arrangement with selected universities, provided one or more authors were affiliated to such a university. Otherwise open access is available based on the payment of a fee.

7. *Next Meeting*: Brisbane, Australia and online on 5 Sep 2024 (TBC)

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