

IFAC TC 6.2 Mining, Mineral and Metal Processing 2024 Minutes of TC Meeting

Venue: The University of Queensland's Customs House, Brisbane, Australia

Date: Thursday, 5 September 2024

Time: 17:00 – 18:00, GMT+10 (local time, Brisbane, Australia)

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1. *Attendance and Apologies:*

On-site: Chris Aldrich (chair), Xiu Liu, Jie Bao, Ross McAree, Kevin Brooks, Morten Hovd, Ian Craig, Biao Huang, Zhongmei Li, Kobus Oosthuizen, Xiaoli Wang, Osamu Yamaguchi

Online: Bei Sun, Didier Theilliol, Derik le Roux, Francesco Cuzzola, Javier Sotomayer, Lindert Sven-Olaf

2. *Approval of Agenda:* Approved.

3. *Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:* Approved.

4. *IFAC MMM 2025:* The IFAC MMM Symposium in 2025 will be held in Lima, Peru, pending approval of the formal proposal submitted to IFAC by NOC Chair, Javier Sotomayer.

5. *Open Discussion on TC 6.2 Activities:*

Various topics were discussed:

5.1. Future IFAC MMM events:

- Given the comparatively small numbers of people attending some of the MMM events, there was a discussion on holding co-conferences or co-presented events with other TCs to have more people involved. While logistics could be a major factor, it is something that could be further considered after 2026, as MMM 2025 and WC 2026 were already locked in.
- TC 6.2. has a significant industrial focus and leveraging more sponsorship from industry was discussed, depending on where events are taking place.
- Hybrid registration for MMM events was also discussed, with lower registration fees for online attendees. This could be beneficial, and NOCs of MMM events could consider this on an ad hoc basis, if possible, as long as online attendance would not come at the expense of physical attendance.

- 5.2. Tenure of the TC Chair: CA's tenure ends in August, 2026, after which a new TC chair would assume the role.
 - 5.3. Status of the TC website: The TC website was discussed, as it is partially out of date and comprehensive overhauling is planned.
 - 5.4. It was proposed that a forum for online communication between TC members would promote closer collaboration between members with similar interests. Building an MSTeams group for members to informally connect would be investigated.
6. *Next Meeting*: Lima, Peru and online on 23 Oct 2025 (TBC)

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