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Melbourne, Australia

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16:00 - 19:00  Conference check-in (Function Foyer)

18:00 - 19:00  Welcome Reception

19:00 - 21:00  Dinner

**Notes**

- All technical sessions will be in Parkside Room B.

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Monday, March 30, 2015

06:30 - 08:30  Breakfast

**Opening Remarks**

08:30 - 08:35  Conference Chair: Patrick Zhang, Florida Industrial and Phosphate Research Institute, USA

**Welcoming Remarks**

08:35 - 08:45  ECI Liaison: Alan Hatton, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA

08:45 - 08:55  Ewan Wingate, WorleyParsons Services Pty Ltd., Australia

**Session I: Comprehensive Extraction**

Session Co-Chairs: Abdelaali Kossir, OCP Group, Morocco
Gary Albarelli, Florida Industrial and Phosphate Research Institute, USA

**Keynote 1:**

08:55 - 09:35  Smart, sustainable development of phosphate resources: The prospects of phosphogypsum utilization and uranium recovery
Julian Hilton, Aleff Group, United Kingdom

09:35 - 10:05  Recovery of REE from an apatite concentrate in the nitrophosphate process of fertilizer production
Mahmood Alemrajabi, Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Sweden

10:05 - 10:35  There and back again 2.5: Who did what in solvent extraction - a demonstrated and proven technology for uranium recovery from phosphoric acid
Vaughn Astley, Dr. Phosphate, Inc., USA

10:35 - 11:05  Coffee break

11:05 - 11:35  Enrichment of rare earth elements from Florida phosphate flotation tailings
Yan Wu, China University of Geosciences, China

11:35 - 12:05  Rare earths and the recovery of administratium from phosphates
Vaughn Astley, Dr. Phosphate, Inc., USA

12:05 - 12:35  Upgrading phosphate flotation tailings for rare earths extraction
Salah Al-Thyabat, Al-Hussein Bin Tall University, Jordan

12:35 - 14:15  Lunch
Monday, March 30, 2015 (continued)

**Session II: Process Innovation**  
**Session Co-chairs:** Laurindo Leal Filho, Vale Technological Institute, Brazil  
Arafat Ghosheh, Saudi Arabian Mining Co. Ma'Aden, Saudi Arabia

**Keynote 2:**  
14:30 - 15:15  
The surface and colloid chemistry of layered silicate minerals  
Jan Miller, University of Utah, USA

15:15 - 15:45  
Tenova Bateman technologies: Tailor made approaches for mechanical beneficiation of phosphate rock  
Leonid Lisiansky, Tenova Bateman Technology, Israel

15:45 - 16:15  
Coffee break

16:15 - 16:45  
Water quality effect in phosphate flotation: Understanding leads to overcoming  
Lucas R. Moore, ArrMaz, USA

16:45 - 17:15  
An alternative flotation process for apatite concentration of the Itataia carbonaceous uranium-phosphate ore  
Elves Matiolo, Centro de Tecnologia Mineral, Brazil

17:15 - 17:45  
Study on mineral processing of a medium to low grade phosphate ore  
Mei Yang, China University of Geosciences, China

17:45 - 18:15  
Application of pico-nano bubble generator in phosphate reverse flotation  
Guoxin Wang, ArrMaz, USA

18:30 - 20:30  
Dinner

20:30 - 21:30  
Social Hour
Tuesday, March 31, 2015

06:30 - 08:30  Breakfast

*Session III: Flotation Reagents*
*Session Co-Chairs: Chaucer Hwang, Mosaic Company, USA*
*Gerald Heebner, Arizona Chemicals, USA*

*Keynote 3:*

08:30 - 09:15  The effect of dissolution kinetics on flotation response of apatite with sodium oleate
Laurindo Leal Filho, Vale Technological Institute, Brazil

09:15 - 09:45  Application of Custofloat® carbonate collectors in beneficiating phosphate ores in China
Guoxin Wang, ArrMaz, USA

09:45 - 10:15  Processing Florida dolomitic phosphate pebble with Custofloat® carbonate collectors
Guoxin Wang, ArrMaz, USA

10:15 - 10:45  Coffee break

10:45 - 11:15  Improvement of dolomite collector on high magnesium pebble sample from Florida
Patrick Zhang, Florida Industrial and Phosphate Research Institute, USA

11:15 - 11:45  Opportunities for flocculation/flotation treatment of phosphate slimes using temperature responsive reagents
Elizaveta Forbes, CSIRO, Australia

11:45 - 12:15  Phosphate beneficiation with novel collectors for direct and reverse flotation: Beyond low cost fatty acids
Pablo Dopico, Clariant Mining Solutions, USA

12:15 - 12:45  The use of lanthanum (La+3) and Cerium (Ce+3) ions as phosphate activators in low grade phosphate flotation
Salah Al-Thyabat, Mining Engineering Department, Al-Hussein Bin Talal University-Jordan, Jordan

12:45 - 14:15  Lunch

14:15  Optional excursion(s)

Dinner on own
**Wednesday, April 1, 2015**

06:30 - 08:30  Breakfast

**Session IV: Processing Equipment**

Session Co-Chairs: Jaisen Kohmuench, Eriez Flotation Division, USA  
Abdelhak Kabbabi, OCP Group, Morocco

**Keynote 4:**

08:30 - 09:15  Advances in particle characterization for improved mineral processing technology  
Jan D. Miller, University of Utah, USA

09:15 - 09:45  Column flotation of phosphate ore – An engineer’s perspective  
Ewan Wingate, WorleyParsons, Australia

09:45 - 10:15  Phosphate In Australia – So Near Yet So Far  
Ewan Wingate, WorleyParsons, Australia

10:15 - 10:45  Coffee break

10:45 - 11:15  Gravitational separation behavior of collophanite from dolomite in a packed column jig  
Wending Xiao, China University of Geosciences, China

11:15 - 11:45  Pilot testing and feasibility analysis of deep cone thickening for Florida phosphate clay (slime)  
Chaucer Hwang, The Mosaic Company, USA

11:45 - 12:15  Application of classification and fluidized-bed flotation at PCS aurora  
George Piegols, PCS Phosphate, USA

12:15 - 12:45  Understanding the comminution mechanism of high-pressure grinding rolls: Lower cost, higher efficiency and selectivity  
Francisco Sotillo, PerUsa EnviroMet, Inc., USA

12:45 - 14:15  Lunch

14:15  Group tour

19:00 - 21:00  Dinner

21:00 - 22:00  Social Hour
Thursday, April 2, 2015

06:30 - 08:30  Breakfast

Session V: Hydrometallurgy
Session Co-Chairs: Vaughn Astley: Dr. Phosphate, Inc., USA
Tibaut Theys, Prayon Technologies, Belgium

Keynote 5:

08:30 - 09:15  Research progress on the production of industrial phosphoric acid and downstream phosphates from wet-process phosphoric acid in China
Yuanxin Wu, Wuhan Institute of Technology, China

09:15 - 09:45  Newcomer in phosphoric acid process routes the DA-HF process ensures 2 to 3 % of efficiency increase compared to a standard dihydrate plant with a limited number of extra equipment
Tibaut Theys, Prayon Technologies, Belgium

09:45 - 10:15  Acidulation of low grade collophanite using HCL for production of dihydrate gypsum whisker and effective compound fertilizer
Wending Xiao, China University of Geosciences (Wuhan), China

10:15 - 10:45  Coffee break

10:45 - 11:15  Alloy 31 lining in hemihydrate reactors
John Pannia, IPL Phosphate Hill, Australia

11:15 - 11:45  \( \text{P}_2\text{O}_5 \) reclamation from gypsum sacks
Casey R. Hiette, IPL Phosphate Hill Operations, Australia

11:45 - 12:15  Improvement of valves and pumps for the phosphoric reactor circuit.
Matthew Johnson, Incitec Pivot Limited, Australia

12:15 - 12:45  Environmentally friendly, energy efficient slurry handling by MULTISAFE double hose-diaphragm pumps
Alan Frost, FELUWA Pumpen Australia, Australia

12:45 - 14:45  Lunch
Session VI: Waste Utilization and the Environment
Session Co-Chairs: Julian Hilton, Aleff Group, United Kingdom
Salah Al-Thyabat, Al-Hussein Bin Talal University, Jordan

15:00 - 15:30  Overcoming the regulatory hurdles to recovering rare earths from phosphate
Gary Albarelli, Florida Industrial and Phosphate Research Institute, USA

15:30 - 16:00  An optimized approach to phosphate recovery
Jaisen Kohmuench, Eriez Flotation Division, USA

16:00 - 16:30  Recovery of rare earths from Florida phosphogypsum
Patrick Zhang, Florida Industrial and Phosphate Research Institute, USA

16:30 - 17:00  Coffee break

17:00 - 17:30  Environmental protection: An imperative of sustainable development in phosphate industry
Abdelhak Kabbabi, OCP Group S.A., Morocco

17:30 - 18:00  Phosphorus removal and recovery from waste water by bio-processing followed by microwave radiation
Patrick Zhang, Florida Industrial and Phosphate Research Institute, USA

18:00 - 18:30  Recovery of sulphur values from phosphogypsum: A historical review and prospects for the future
Gary Albarelli, Florida Industrial and Phosphate Research Institute, USA

19:30 - 22:00  Banquet
**Friday, April 3, 2015**

06:30 - 08:30  Breakfast

**Session VII: Analysis and Control**

*Session Co-Chairs: Wending Xiao, China University of Geosciences, China
Michael Gaft, Laser Distance Spectrometry (LDS), Israel*

09:00 - 09:30  **ReLIBS (Remote Laser Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy) – Industrial online analyzer for phosphate industry**
Michael Gaft, Laser Distance Spectrometry (LDS), Israel

09:30 - 10:00  **The use of advanced process controls in a phosphoric acid reactor**
Vaughn Astley, Dr Phosphate, Inc., USA

10:00 - 10:30  Coffee break

10:30 - 11:00  **Suitability of Geoscan-M elemental analyser for phosphate rock**
Derek Griffiths, Scantech International Pty Ltd, Australia

11:00 - 11:30  **The impact of an increase in potassium content in the rock feed on the operation of the Phosphate Hill hemihydrate phosphoric acid plant**
Gerhardus C. Du Plessis, Incitec Pivot Ltd, Australia

11:30 - 12:00  **Optimization of Jordanian phosphate flotation by artificial neural network (ANN)**
Salah Al-Thyabat, Al-Hussein Bin Talal University, Jordan

12:00  Lunch and departures