









#### IMWA 2017

Mining and reliable mine water management are of outstanding importance for the Finnish and worldwide mining industry. Unknown to many outside Scandinavia, Finland is one of the most prominent European mining countries with commodities ranging from gold and silver to base metals and platinum group elements. Its political stability has made Finland a prominent country for exploration, with 40 to 50 projects currently under investigation.

Its pristine landscape, especially in the arctic north of the country, requires a high environmental responsibility by the mine operators and the regulators, as Finnish people expect that their watercourses and forests are protected at all costs. IMWA's 13th Congress will also focus on the experience that mining companies and researchers as well as consulters have gained in this highly vulnerable northern environment.

# CONGRESS THEME

IMWA 2017's Congress theme will be "Mine Water & Circular Economy". Circular economy means, "closing the loop" of product lifecycles by improving recycling and re-use. In case of mine water, this means that mining wastes and mine water are used to extract valuable materials, such as metals, fertilizers or adsorbents for waste water purification. We are expecting high calibre presentations about this subject, but every mine water related theme will be covered during IMWA's 13th Congress.



#### CONGRESS EXCURSION

During the mid-congress excursion and the post-congress excursion, you will be shown various mining and mine water projects in the southern and northern part of Finland, including the Nordkalk, Pyhäsalmi, Yara and Talvivaara mines.



# LAPPEENRANTA, FINLAND

IMWA, LUT and Tekes invite you to the 13th International Mine Water Association Congress in Lappeenranta, Finland. Lappeenranta is situated 215 km northeast of Helsinki and northwest of St. Petersburg, just 30 km from the Russian border. It is the 13th largest city in Finland and belongs to the South Karelian region, bordering the shore of Lake Saimaa. The municipality has a population of 73000 and covers an area of 1720 km² of which 290 km² is water.



# TRANSPORTATION

Rauha, Lappeenranta is well connected to Helsinki airport by road and train (train station Imatra). A train ride lasts 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours and costs between 37 and 48 € (one way). Regular bus services connect Helsinki centre with Imatra and the travel time is between 4 and 5 hours (11–45 €). All trains and busses have internet connection. Rental cars are available at Helsinki airport, and all major companies are present there.

# **IMPORTANT DATES AND REGISTRATION FEES**

Submission of Abstracts and Papers	
2nd Announcement and Call for Abstracts	September 20, 2016
Deadline for Submission of Abstracts	November 30, 2016
Notification of Abstract Acceptance	January 31st, 2017
Deadline for Submission of Camera-Ready Papers	April 15, 2017

Registration and Payment	
Start of Early Bird Registration	October 15, 2016
End of Early Bird Registration	February 17, 2017
End of Author Registration	April 31, 2017
Deadline for Registration	June 8, 2017

Registration Fees				
Type of Delegate	Early Bird	Regular	Paperless	
Regular delegate	650 €	750 €	650 €	
IMWA member	600€	650€	600€	
Student	250 €	300€	250 €	
Day Registration		175 €	125 €	
Printed Proceedings		50 €		
Workshops		290 €	240 €	
Post Congress Excursion		750 €		
Opening Ceremony		free		
Tablet Rental		50 €		

### SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Platinum (20,000 €) Gold (5,000 €) Silver (2,500 €) Bronze (1,000 €)

Only sponsors will get a booth during the conference – as at past IMWA conferences.



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#### Lappeenranta University of Technology, LUT.

LUT's Trailblazer strategy is searching for answers to four key questions: Are we going to burn up everything? Is humanity condemned to suffer from the water it has polluted? Will waste be the grave of our future? Will we let Europe degenerate to the world's back yard? No. We will lead the way with a trailblazer spirit.

We have been ranked among the world's top 600 universities as well as among the best young universities (Times Higher Education).

We are compact by size, with intensely focused operations. Combining technology and business, we have served as an academic forerunner since 1969. Our international science community encompasses 6,500 students and experts.

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