

SAFEX CONGRESS XX, MAY 2020, SALZBURG, AUSTRIA



Congress Bulletin – Call for Papers

You are invited to present a paper at the forthcoming SAFEX Congress. There will be an Open Day (Thursday, 28 May 2020) attended by invited visitors and a Closed Day (Friday, 29 May 2020) restricted to members and associates of SAFEX.

Each day will comprise a number of sessions that will focus on different Themes. The audience, the requirements for Congress Papers, the Themes and the “Call for Papers” process are summarized below.

Who will the Audience be?

Your audience is predominantly persons involved in the manufacture of both military and commercial explosives from all over the world. They typically come from functions such as production, maintenance, development and Health, Safety, Security and Environment (HSSE) professionals. For many of them English is a second language. The Open Day will be attended by invited visitors who collaborate with SAFEX and occupy key positions in organizations related to explosives health, safety and environmental performance.



What are the Requirements for Congress Papers?

The official Language of the Congress is English. Papers and presentations should be educational and informative and support the Session Themes as far as possible. However, if you have a Paper on another topic which is not part of a suggested Theme but which you feel may interest the audience, please let us have it.

Suitability of Papers will be determined on the basis of Abstracts submitted in advance. Papers should not serve as an advertisement for a company or a product. Describing a special type of product or service is acceptable, but a trade name may only be mentioned once. The Papers must be in MSWord (or equivalent) format. The length of papers should be such that it can be presented in 20 minutes. Papers on incidents for the Closed Day should be in the Investigation Report format. Further details on the submission of the Papers will be provided with notification of acceptance of the Abstracts.

Papers can be supported by PowerPoint slides during the presentation.

What is this Bulletin about?

This is the first Congress Bulletin and calls for papers to be represented at the XX SAFEX Congress in Salzburg during May 2020. This Bulletin must answer the basic questions you have about presenting a paper at the Congress such as:

- **Who** is the audience?
- **What** is required for a Paper?
- **What** are the Session themes?
- **How** should I go about submitting a Paper?

While we encourage you to consider the Themes for a Paper you may wish to present, we will consider any Paper that can contribute to improving HSSE in the explosives industry.

Author deadlines

- ◇ Indicate your interest – **31 Aug 2018**
- ◇ Submit an Abstract – **28 Feb 2019**
- ◇ Abstract acceptance - **30 June 2019**
- ◇ Draft Paper submission - **31 Aug 2019**
- ◇ Final Paper submission - **30 Nov 2019**

CONGRESS THEMES AND CONVENERS

Open Day Topics (Lead: Noe Hsu)

During the **Open Day** we have the opportunity to learn from invited visitors. Therefore, we encourage Papers from outside the SAFEX community that can assist our industry in its HSS&E efforts. The Board felt the following Themes are particularly relevant at this time and invite Papers that address these Themes:

- Behavioral issues determining the Safety Culture
- Manufacturing technologies and impact on safe operations
- Emergency response

Closed Day (Lead: Martin Held)

The **Closed Day** focuses on actual incidents and the lessons learnt from them. Presenters will be asked to outline some of the important details of the incidents in addition to the root and contributory causes. The expectation is for presenters to emphasise good explosives practices based on their experiences. Delegates will be able to discuss them and leave the Congress armed with insights that can be applied in the workplace. The **Closed Day** themes are based on members' incidents and comprise:

- **Members only day**
- Focusing on Incident Reporting
- Learning from Plant Design and Management of Change

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Our Call for Papers is a 5-step process comprising the following stages and deadlines for submission by prospective presenters:

Indicate interest in presenting a paper(s)

Deadline: **31 August 2018**

Your early indication of interest helps the Convener of each session gauge the nature of papers he/she can expect. *If there is any chance of your being able to present a Paper, please complete the accompanying **Paper Proposal Form** and return it to the Secretariat as soon as possible but not later than 31 May 2013. Similarly, if you have a Paper which you feel may contribute to HSSE in explosives but is not aligned with any of the suggested Themes, don't hesitate to fill in the Form as well.*

Submit an Abstract or Draft Paper (if available)

Deadline: **28 February 2019**

If you don't have a draft Paper available, please submit an Abstract or Summary of your proposed Paper in English. An Abstract condenses a proposed paper by summarizing and highlighting its major points in 200 to 400 words. If the Abstract is accepted by the Editorial Committee it helps the Convener assess where the Paper should be placed in the Congress programme. An Abstract should include the conclusions drawn (lessons learnt) and recommendations for going forward (good practices), where relevant.

Notification of acceptance of Abstract/Draft Paper

Deadline: **30 June 2019**

The Editorial Committee and Conveners review the Abstracts or draft Papers to determine their learning potential and relevance. Prospective presenters who submitted Abstracts and draft Papers will be notified of acceptance within 4 weeks of submission of their Abstract or draft Paper(s).

Submit Draft Paper (unless submitted previously) Deadline: **31 August 2019**

This step only applies to prospective presenters who submitted an Abstract and not a draft Paper. As soon as prospective presenters are advised of the acceptance of their Abstract, they may proceed with the preparation of a draft Paper (See Requirements for a Congress Paper)

Finalize Paper for Proceedings

Deadline: **30 November 2019**

The Editorial Committee and Conveners will review the draft Papers during this stage. They may suggest some fine-tuning of Papers to be presented and presenters may find this stage helpful in making their Papers even better. Once they are finalized, the Papers will be incorporated into the Congress Proceedings which will be available when delegates register at the Congress.

Will you share your experiences with others by presenting a Paper at our Congress in May 2020? Your Paper could make a difference; it could prevent another incident.

What are you expected to do?

Please bring the contents of this Bulletin to the attention of any prospective presenters in your company or organisation.

If there is a chance you or any of your colleagues would like to have a Paper considered, kindly complete the accompanying Paper Proposal Form and return it to the contacts detailed on page 2 of this bulletin as soon as possible, but no later than

31 August 2018. Furthermore, if anyone needs more information about the Themes the Congress will cover, let them read this Bulletin.

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