



IHHA 2017

CAPE TOWN

02 – 06 September 2017



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ANNOUNCEMENT

11th INTERNATIONAL HEAVY HAUL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

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CTICC, Cape Town, South Africa

Message from the Conference Planning Committee Co-Chairs

The International Heavy Haul Association (IHHA), in partnership with Transnet and the South African Heavy Haul Association (SAHHA), will be hosting its 11th International Heavy Haul Conference, on 02 – 06 September 2017, at the prestigious Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa.

The conference will include presentations of technical papers in research and development areas such as Rolling Stock, Railway Infrastructure and Operations; a Technical Workshop to be held 2 days before the conference where international railway technical experts will present selected topics within the Infrastructure and Rolling Stock fields; Technical Tours for delegates involving site visits to Transnet's Heavy Haul railways and ports; and Social Tours for delegates and partners to visit tourist attractions in Cape Town.



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The theme of the Conference is: ***"Advancing Heavy Haul Technologies and Operations in a Changing World"***.

The theme aims to address the recent market downturn characterized by low commodity prices, low GDP growth rates and slowdown in demand for freight bulk commodities such as coal and iron ore. These adverse market conditions have had a significant impact on the profitability and sustainability of the railways. This conference will specifically focus on research and innovations related to how we can advance heavy haul technologies and operations to respond positively to the current market downturn, thereby contributing significantly to the survival of the railways.

The conference will also offer delegates an opportunity to experience Cape Town, the "Mother City", with a national park and Natural Wonder of the World as its heart. It is the oldest city in South Africa and has a cultural heritage spanning more than 300 years.

On behalf of the organising committee, we extend a warm invitation to you and your associates to participate in the upcoming 11th International Heavy Haul Conference.

We look forward to personally welcoming you to Cape Town in September 2017.

Yours Sincerely



Brian Monakali

Conference Co-Chair
& Chairman SAHHA



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ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA

South Africa is an extremely diverse country, both in its interesting mix of people and languages and in the nature of the land. It is both developed and a developing country, has rich natural resources, employs advanced technologies and supports complex industrial structures. South Africa covers an area nearly five times the size of the United Kingdom.

ABOUT CAPE TOWN

With its majestic Table Mountain backdrop, Cape Town is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. It has a warm Mediterranean climate, with September temperatures ranging from a minimum of 9°C (48°F) to a maximum of 19°C (66°F). Cape Town is a charming and convenient setting for a congress.

ACCOMMODATION

Cape Town offers a wide range of accommodation from luxury hotels of the highest international standard through to quality guest houses.

The congress will offer accommodation ranging from budget to 5-star hotels. Most hotels will be located within walking distance from the conference venue. Online hotel bookings can be made through the online form when Registration Opens.

AIR TRAVEL & CONNECTIVITY

Delegates to Cape Town mostly arrive and depart by air. Cape Town International Airport is located only 20 minutes from the city Centre. Most airlines have regular direct flights to this global city. South African Airlines (SAA) is one of the world's most experienced airlines with the best safety records. As Star Alliance member, SAA is flying to six continents and is one of the leading carriers in Africa. Once on the ground, getting around is relatively simple and convenient with taxis being the preferred mode of transport for international travel.





IMPORTANT DATES

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| Abstract Submission Opens | 13 May 2016 |
| Registration Opens | 28 July 2016 |
| Abstracts Submissions Close | 01 Aug 2016 |
| Notice of Acceptance | 01 Oct 2016 |
| Final Paper Submission Deadline | 30 May 2017 |
| Early Bird Cut-Off | 30 June 2017 |

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