

WOMEN IN MINING

NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2009

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

Upcoming WIM Events

Next WIM drinks are on Wednesday 14th of January at 6.30pm

Venue: Deloitte, Benugo's (ground floor), 2 New Street Square, London EC4A 3BZ (be aware it is a different building to our usual location)

To register your attendance contact Janai Scott on janscott@deloitte.co.uk or call her on 020 7007 1919

Host: to be confirmed

WIM Seminar hosted by Herbert Smith on Thu 29th of January

Speaker: Donald Douglas of Cambridge Risk

Donald is Managing Director of Cambridge Risk Limited. He is a Scottish Chartered Accountant and has worked in metals and the financial markets for a number of years with J P Morgan and N M Rothschild. His experience includes designing financial instruments for mining clients, establishing Rothschild's metals market risk policies and systems, and advising Ashanti during its hedge book crisis. He set up Rothschild's Market Risk Advisory Group which advised a wide range of clients in the mining, financial services, energy and industrial sectors on derivatives, hedging and risk management. He runs Cambridge Risk Limited which advises a number of mining companies on hedging and derivatives and advises banks and other institutions on risk models.

Herbert Smith

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You are invited to a Women in Mining networking event on Thursday 29 January at Herbert Smith LLP

"Price risk and derivatives – what every miner should know"


Guest speaker Mr Donald Douglas, Managing Director, Cambridge Risk Limited

Time 5.30pm (Presentation with drinks to follow)

Date Thursday 29 January 2009

Venue Herbert Smith, Exchange House, Primrose Street, London EC2A 2HS

Please RSVP sarah.uddln@herbertsmith.com or call +44 20 7466 3637

 Herbert Smith in association with Gleiss Lutz and Stibbe

Followed by

February: Valentine drinks event equally open to men on the 11th of February

March: seminar hosted by AngloAmerican on the 10th of March

Details to follow...



Reminder ... the WIM Members Directory

We shortly plan to release a member's directory, available to everyone who is part of the UK Women in Mining group, and listing the member's name, contact e-mail and organisation which she currently works for. The directory will enable members to contact each other with ease, helping individuals to share knowledge, information and opportunities. The directory will be circulated via the Women in Mining email list.

[If you do not wish your information to be used in this way](#), please contact Barbara Dischinger at barbara@greenmining.co.uk "

Questionnaire

We are working on a questionnaire to be sent out in the next few weeks. It has been a while since we asked for feedback and we encourage you to respond to the questionnaire so that we can tailor activities offered by the group and offer you more. Look out for the e-mail.

A few articles/thoughts on life and mining received by members:

Mines & Money 2008: There'll always be money for good projects and strong management...

By Mary Hood, Deloitte

In an environment where cutting costs, reducing debt and maximising cash flow have become the themes of the day, mining is no exception. Mines and Money 2008 took a pragmatic approach to life on day one, looking at the state of global mining and mining financing.

It's a matter of fact that commodity and mining stock prices have returned to below 2005 levels, exploration is being hit hard and those without cash resources or access to funding are going to struggle. Cash is king once more and companies with cash are keen to evidence their bank balances. Even so, economic fundamentals no longer seem to matter in the current market; with stocks (in some cases) even being valued at lower than their cash balances.

The message coming through loud and clear was that cost control is key for all, from the majors through the mid-tier, right down to the juniors. A number of mines are being put into care and maintenance until prices pick up. Projects are being prioritised. Super mergers seem to be a thing of the past. The opportunities for consolidation exist through the acquisition of strategic assets and distressed companies. However, it was also suggested that there will always be money for the right projects, and the right management. Companies have a desire not to lose key staff during the downturn, particularly engineers. And, on the plus side, drill rigs and engineers are now becoming available and power prices falling.

Looking to the future, the fund manager consensus was that we will have to ride out 2009 before we see a clear pick up. Underlying demand still exists, cycles continue to turn, but the upturn will not be immediate, and has the bottom actually been reached?

Day two had a focus on China and the international big picture: risks & opportunities. In an environment where vulnerability arises everywhere debt is high, and capital is low, China is in a strong position to dictate deals. Coming from a background of high savings and a positive current account balance, the Chinese have cash availability and are capitalising on this. Although the Chinese growth forecast at 7.5% for 2009 is at the slowest level since 1990, the country still has a desire to increase security of supply. Chinese companies acquiring minority stakes is a theme which is expected to continue through 2009.

The management of political risk was also a significant theme with both the spectacular and the more common place requiring consideration. There is a strong need to reduce delays, increase security, fuel local business development, and develop good relationships with governments and local communities. Perhaps these strategies can even assist with funding issues, getting the government to pick up some of the tab for key infrastructure to keep mines open, or to relax high taxation regimes to secure jobs. Stake holders are becoming more risk adverse and premiums are being paid for assets in safe countries. However, global companies need to maintain their reserves, their competitive advantage and their social licence to operate.

Thomson Reuters: Happiness is not about the economy for women stupid

9 December 2008

Men are happier with money, while women find greater joy in friendships and relationships with their children, co-workers and bosses, a new global survey reveals. The online survey of 28,153 people in more than 51 countries by global marketing and information firm Nielsen found that as the world grapples with a recession and financial markets remain volatile, many people are reminding themselves that money can't buy happiness. The Nielsen Happiness Study found that globally, women are happier than men in 48 of the 51 countries surveyed in April 2008, and only in Brazil, South Africa and Vietnam were men found to be happier than women.

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"Because they are happier with non-economic factors, women's happiness is more recession-proof which might explain why women around the world are happier in general than men are," Nielsen Vice President of Consumer Research Bruce Paul said in a statement. Japanese women reported the greatest difference and are 15 percent happier than Japanese men. Women are also more optimistic about the future, scoring higher than men on predictions of their happiness in the next six months. Women were also more content with their sex lives, although men were generally happier with their spouses, the study found. Japanese and New Zealand women reported the greatest difference in satisfaction with their sex lives.

Men are generally happier with their physical health than women, and this is especially pronounced in South Africa. Egypt bucks the trend, with women rating their happiness with their health considerably higher than men. Globally, men rated their happiness with their mental health higher than women. This was echoed in Belgium, South Korea, Mexico, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Egypt, and Israel.

There are three main drivers of happiness globally, according to the study: personal financial situation, mental health and job/career. Being satisfied with your partner is also important for happiness. As well as gauging levels of happiness, the Nielsen survey examined what specific factors contributed to happiness around the world. "Happiness is a local and personal matter and Nielsen sought to uncover what specific factors contribute to making people happy in different parts of the world," Paul said. "Many of the world's poorer and emerging markets outranked developed countries for happiness and satisfaction levels in nearly all aspects of their lives." Globally, Lithuanians and Indonesians are most reliant on their personal financial situation and job for happiness, while South Africans and Venezuelans ranked the least dependent on money for their happiness, the survey found.

Nielsen also looked closely at survey results to find out if a nation's happiness level was influenced by low income inequality, low corruption or peace. Surprisingly, markets which performed poorly on these factors were in many cases the happiest nations, Paul said. "For consumers in rapidly developing markets, there could be a greater sense of appreciation for things that bring a better life than they had a few years ago."

Current situation in China (11 December 2008)

Yisha Xue – China Metals Consultancy

"From my recent frequent visits to China to see it in my own eyes what is happening there and read reports from economic review, it is unusual for a Political Bureau working meeting attend both by the President and Premier of China. It showed how concerned they are at the lower exports, which is causing unemployment and social unrests.

Lots people say the international recession is only at the very early stage to hit the Chinese economy, we have just seen the Chinese production companies get less orders from abroad, or in my business case, metals company place less orders to import raw materials, because metals price is 5 year or 10 year low.

Also a new change of development in the regions to take over power centre from old provinces and cities, such as Pearl River delta, Hainan island, Yangtze river of east coast, Bohai, midland China, etc, I always meet western companies asking me about doing business with China, I always have to ask back "which part of China?", because the country is huge the market is so different in each area. A few weeks ago, a cargo of Alumina was sold at US\$250 per ton in north China port and at the same day a south China plant would only pay a similar cargo at 225, even in the same business there were so big difference in pricing and in the cost of production.

When I was young read Chinese papers, my parents always told me and my brother to find out the "real meaning of each sentence", in the following statement, it commented about justice, I think China is concerned of most other countries has going through a period of during industry revolution or follow up recession when there were a breakdown of trust between government and its people. Even UK had poll tax riots in 1990s. But I am sure whatever happens, the country is still going to do well, to lose a digit of growth rates is nothing, I think the country will get over this become strong."

Mining photographic competition 2008/09

Did you miss your chance last year? Deloitte and Mining Journal are once again looking to unearth a powerful image that captures what it's like working in mining today.

You could win the chance to become a miner celebrity and may see your photo feature in Mining Journal and exhibited at Mines and Money events in London, Dubai and Hong Kong.

For details on how to enter please visit www.deloitte.co.uk/photocomp

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New WIM Canada initiative

Three well-known Canadian mining financiers and philanthropists have agreed to donate their time and support to the latest Canadian mining industry social cause. In a “Dragon’s Den meets The Apprentice” format, Frank Giustra, Rob McEwen and Eric Sprott have agreed to meet with the winners of a MEET THE MINING MOGUL contest being organized by the WOMEN IN MINING to support a CDN\$250,000 fundraiser for microlending in South Africa. Contest winners will be announced during the International Women in Mining Reception on March 3, 2009, at the Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada Convention in Toronto.

The major initiative, launched today by the Women in Mining (WIM) networks (www.women-in-mining.com) in Toronto and Vancouver, aims to raise \$250,000 by March 2009 to benefit impoverished people in South Africa. WIM’s latest corporate social responsibility initiative builds on its successful fundraising campaign for breast cancer research, raising over \$232,000 in 2007 primarily from private donations and companies in the mining industry.

The 600 members of WIM are seeking donations to The Townships Project, a registered Canadian charity that supports microfinance institutions (MFIs) in township areas in South Africa. For more information about Women in Mining and to donate to The Townships Project go to www.women-in-mining.com or contact Lynda Bloom, President & CEO, Halo Resources on +1 416-917-7480 or lbloom@halores.com

New WIM Members

People who have joined the group since the last newsletter. [Welcome to:](#)

* Sinead Bell, Finance Manager at De Beers

Please let me know of events & contributions for the newsletter at barbara@greenmining.co.uk

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January

Date	Event	Location	Comments
05/01	Western Institute of Mining & Minerals Lecture	Clayton Lodge House Newcastle-under-Lyme	<u>Speaker:</u> John Schone, SES Holdings <u>Time:</u> lecture begins at 7.30pm <u>Contact:</u> Christine Blackmore, 0845 111 7777 or cblackmore@wardell-armstrong.com
08/01	Midlands Institute of Mining Engineers Lecture <i>Rib Control Advances at Daw Mill Colliery</i>	Kellingley & Mansfield Mines Rescue Centres Wakefield and Mansfield	<u>Speaker:</u> Jon Bowler of UK Coal Ltd <u>Time:</u> lecture begins at 4pm, given by videoconference <u>Contact:</u> Charles Rhodes, 01757 638 686, office@imm.york.fsnet.co.uk
12/01	Lincolnshire Iron & Steel Institute Lecture: <i>Low CO2 Iron & Steel Making</i>	Corus Conference Centre Brigg Road Scunthorpe	<u>Speaker:</u> Chris Treadgold of Corus RD & T <u>Time:</u> 5.30pm for a 6pm start <u>Contact:</u> Richard Taylor, 01724 403 082, Richard.taylor@corusgroup.com
13/01	Manchester Metallurgical Society Lecture: <i>A Review of High Velocity Oxy Fuelled Coatings Used to Alleviate Wear in the Water Industry</i>	Manchester Materials Research Centre Manchester	<u>Time:</u> Lecture begins at 6.45pm <u>Contact:</u> David Mason, 01744 853 058, david.mason@ngfeurope.com
14/01	WIM Drinks	Deloitte Benugo's (ground floor) 2 New Street Square London EC4A 3BZ	<u>Time:</u> 6.30pm <u>Contact:</u> Janai Scott on janscott@deloitte.co.uk or call her on 020 7007 1919
15/01	Geological Society Shell London Lecture <i>Rivers, Floods & Environmental Change</i>	Burlington House Piccadilly London W1J 0BG	<u>Speaker:</u> Lynne Frostick, University of Hull <u>Time:</u> 5.30pm tea, coffee & biscuits, lecture starts at 6pm, reception at 7pm until 8pm <u>Contact:</u> Alys Hilbourne, 020 7432 0981, alys.hilbourne@geolsoc.org.uk <u>For more info:</u> http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/gsl/events/listings/page4710.html
15/01	MinSouth Lecture: <i>Social Responsibility & Mining. Case Studies & Good Practice</i>	Counting House London	<u>Speaker:</u> Maarten Velzeboer of Arcelor Mittal and Helen Russell of Golder Associates <u>Time:</u> Lecture begins at 6pm <u>Contact:</u> Michael Forrest, 020 8440 7725, Michael.forrest@miningresearch.co.uk
20/01	Minesite Forum	Armourers' Hall 81 Coleman Street London EC2R 5BJ	Registration at 9am, presentations beginning at 9.30am To register <u>contact</u> Emma Milton on +44 20 7395 1935 or online at www.minesite.com
21/01	IOM3 Event <i>Boost your Career in Science & Engineering</i>	1 Carlton House Terrace London SW1Y 5DB	A one day IOM3 workshop focusing on career development and improving communication in Science & Engineering. <u>Contact:</u> Dawn Bonfield, 01438 821 740, dawn.bonfield@iom3.org.uk <u>More info:</u> http://www.iom3.org/events/boost
21/01	Geological Society Event: <i>Lecture on Basin Modelling</i>	University of Leicester	<u>Speaker:</u> Tony Watts, University of Oxford <u>Time:</u> lecture begins at 5.30 pm followed by a short reception from 6.30 to 7.30pm Entry to all lectures is free to all, but by ticket only. <u>Contact:</u> Alys Hilbourne, 020 7432 0981, alys.hilbourne@geolsoc.org.uk
21/01	West of England Metals & Materials Association <i>PEEK into the Future</i>	BAWA Bristol	<u>Speaker:</u> Noel Briscoe, Zyex <u>Time:</u> lecture starts at 7.30pm <u>Contact:</u> Richard Ball 01173 311 175, Richard.ball@bristol.ac.uk

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22/01	South Midlands Mining & Minerals Institute and Minerals Engineering Society Southern Group <i>Trevithick – Man and Machines</i>	Willesley Golf Club Ashby de la Zouch	<u>Speaker:</u> Philip Hosken, Chairman Trevithick Society Free of charge <u>Time:</u> 7.30pm <u>Contact:</u> Dr Rod Stace on rod.stace@nottingham.ac.uk
22/01	Ebbw Vale Metallurgical & Historical Society <i>The Titanic</i>	Riverside Suite Ebbw Vale RFC Eugene Cross Park Ebbw Vale	<u>Speaker:</u> Lt. Com. John Davies <u>Time:</u> event begins at 7.15 pm <u>Contact:</u> Brian Baker on 01495 304 404 and/or brian_baker@talktalk.net
22/01	East Midlands Materials Society <i>Metals Research Theme</i>	Lord Hives Suite Rolls Royce plc Derby DE24 8BJ	<u>Speaker:</u> Steve Court of Namtec <u>Time:</u> 6.30pm for a 7pm start <u>Contact:</u> Dave Evetts, 01159 733 525 or dave.evetts@hotmail.com
22/01	North of England Institute of Mining & Mechanical Engineers <i>Columbian Coal – An Andean Adventure</i>	Neville Hall Newcastle-upon-Tyne	<u>Speaker:</u> Rick Smith of FWS Consultants Ltd <u>Time:</u> lecture begins at 6pm <u>Contact:</u> John McCabe, 0191 232 2201, office@mininginstitute.org.uk
27/01	West Surrey Materials Society Lecture <i>The Use & Abuse of Materials in Aerospace</i>	Lecture Theatre E University of Surrey Guildford	<u>Speaker:</u> Dave Rugg of Rolls Royce plc <u>Time:</u> 6.45pm for a 7pm start <u>Contact:</u> Steve Pitman on 01372 367 019 and/or Stephen.pitman@era.co.uk
28/01	Mining Journal 20:20 Series: <i>Diamond Day</i>	18 Lincoln Inn Fields London WC2	afternoon event If you are interested in attending any of the 20:20 events as a delegate, please <u>contact</u> Natalie Wootton at natalie.wootton@mining-journal.com www.2020series.com
29/01	WIM Seminar	Herbert Smith Exchange House Primrose Street London EC2A 2HS	<u>Speaker:</u> Donald Douglas of Cambridge Risk <u>Time:</u> 5.30pm – 8pm Pls <u>rsvp</u> Sarah Uddin on sarah.uddin@herbertsmith.com or call 020 7466 3637
29/01	ProActive Investors One2One Forum	Chesterfield Hotel 35 Charles Street London W1J 5EB	<u>Time:</u> The presentations will start @6:00pm and finish at 7:30pm. After the presentations free canapé & wine reception. <u>Presenting companies:</u> Kopane Diamond Developments, Cambridge Mineral Resources & Regal Petroleum <u>Contact:</u> Carrie Howes 07780 602 788, carrie@totumos.com
29/01	MinSouth Event <i>Sundowner</i>	The Glassblower Glasshouse Street London W1 (Piccadilly Circus tube)	A mining drinks session where people working in the mining sector meet for a drink (men & women). It has been going for over 10 years and is mainly attended by mining engineers and geologists working for mining companies. A good place for networking. Evening
29/01	ICTa West Midlands <i>The Nature & Origins of Clays in the UK</i>	Roman Way Hotel Cannock	<u>Speaker:</u> Andy Smith of CERAM <u>Time:</u> lecture begins at 4pm <u>Contact:</u> Mark Gooderidge, 01827 280 111, mark.gooderidge@wienerberger.com
29/01	ICTa Lancashire Event <i>Carbon Footprint</i>	Wienerberger House Cheadle	<u>Speaker:</u> Richard Marshall <u>Time:</u> 7pm for a 7.30 start <u>Contact:</u> Michael Stewart, 0161 491 8287, Michael.stewart@wienerberger.com
29/01	Birmingham Metallurgical Association Event: <i>The Discovery of Masterpieces & the Detection of Forgeries – Can Science Help?</i>	Room S137/S139 University of Birmingham Birmingham B15 2TT	<u>Speaker:</u> Aviva Burnstock <u>Time:</u> lecture begins at 6.30pm <u>Contact:</u> Rex Harris, 0121 414 5165, i.r.harris@bham.ac.uk

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02/02	Western Institute of Mining & Minerals <i>Mining Archeology</i>	Clayton Lodge Hotel Clayton Newcastle-under-Lyme Staffordshire ST5 4AF	<u>Speaker:</u> Martin Strassberger of Kurpfälzisches Museum of Heidelberg <u>Time:</u> event begins at 7.30pm <u>Contact:</u> Christine Blackmore, 0845 111 7777 or cblackmore@wardell-armstrong.com
05/02	London Materials Society <i>Deep Ocean Environmental Long-Term Observatory System (DELOS)</i>	Institute of Materials, Minerals & Mining 1 Carlton House Terrace London SW1Y 5DB	<u>Speaker:</u> Dr Yann Helle from 2H Offshore <u>Time:</u> event starts at 6.30pm <u>Contact:</u> Priya Pavan on 07765 250 469 or priya.pavan@gmail.com
05/02	Birmingham Metallurgical Society Pub Quiz	The Student's Guild University of Birmingham Birmingham	event begins at 6.30pm <u>Contact:</u> Rex Harris, 0121 414 5165, i.r.harris@bham.ac.uk
05/02	South Wales & Western Polymer Group Lecture: <i>Developments in Titanium for the Aerospace Industry</i>	St Melons Country Club Cardiff	<u>Speaker:</u> Roger Thomas of Timet <u>Time:</u> lecture begins at 7pm <u>Contact:</u> Daniel Fedigan, 01633 486 639, Daniel.fedigan@craneflow.com
05/02	East Midlands Materials Society Event <i>Ceramics – It's All Greek To Me!</i>	Room 206 IPTME Loughborough University Loughborough Leicestershire LE1 7RH	Joint meeting with South Midlands branch <u>Speaker:</u> Barry Lye, IOM3 President <u>Time:</u> 6.30pm for a 7pm start <u>Contact:</u> Dave Evetts, 01159 733 525 or dave.evetts@hotmail.com
05/02	Newport & District Materials Society <i>Annual Guest Dinner</i>	Marriott St Pierre Chepstow Wales	<u>Speaker:</u> Dr Tridbesh Mukherjee of Tata Steel <u>Contact:</u> Jeremy Hall, 029 8087 5933, halljp@cardiff.ac.uk
09/02	Lincolnshire Iron & Steel Institute Event <i>Jodrell Bank Radio Telescope</i>	Corus Conference centre Brigg Road Scunthorpe	<u>Speaker:</u> Prof. Phil Diamond of University of Manchester <u>Time:</u> 5.30pm for a 6pm start <u>Contact:</u> Richard Taylor, 01724 403 082, Richard.taylor@corusgroup.com
09/02	North of England Institute of Mining & Mechanical Engineers <i>The Importance of Faults – Field Studies Along the Northumbrian Coast</i>	Neville Hall Newcastle-upon-Tyne	<u>Speaker:</u> Michael Welch of University of Leeds <u>Time:</u> lecture begins at 6pm <u>Contact:</u> John McCabe, 0191 232 2201, office@mininginstitute.org.uk
10/02	Manchester Metallurgical Society Pub Quiz	Manchester	<u>Contact:</u> David Mason, 01744 853 058, david.mason@ngfeurope.com
10/02	Sheffield Metallurgical & Engineering Association <i>The Type 45 Destroyer & Future Aircraft Carrier – a New Generation of Naval Shipbuilding</i>	Holiday Inn Royal Victoria Sheffield	<u>Speaker:</u> Dr Norrie McPherson of BVT Surface Fleet Ltd <u>Time:</u> 5.30pm for a 6pm start <u>Contact:</u> Ken Ridal, 0114 230 5650, kenridal@stonedelf.fsnet.co.uk
11/02	Mining Institute of Scotland Event: <i>The Biological Basis of Bio Diesel Technology</i>	Heriot-Watt University Edinburgh	<u>Speaker:</u> David Brignall of Wardell Armstrong <u>Time:</u> lecture begins at 5.30pm <u>Contact:</u> David Seath, 01383 432 856, david.seath:btinternet.com
11/02	WIM Drinks	tbc	More details soon

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12/02	Canning House Event <i>Shell Energy Scenarios to 2050</i>	Canning House 2 Belgrave Square London SW1X 8PJ	Speaker: Wim Thomas, Head of Energy Team, Global Business Environment at Shell The discussants of the scenarios will be Ms. Jill Duggan of the Dpt of Energy & Climate Change (Intl Emissions Trading, Developing Country Cooperation) & Michael Jefferson, Prof. of Intl Business & Sustainability at London Metropolitan University Business School, former Secretary General of the World Energy Council and former Chief Economist of the Royal Dutch Shell Group. Time: 10.30 am followed by lunch Fees: £50.00 (£57.50 incl. VAT) / Members: £25.00 (£28.75 incl. VAT) Contact: Monica Caro on 020 7235 2303 ext 221 or mcaro@canninghouse.com
12/02	Midlands Institute of Mining Engineers Event <i>Thames Water – Sewage Overflow Pipeline Project</i>	Kellingley & Mansfield Mines Rescue Centres Wakefield	Lecture given by speaker from Thames Water, tba Time: lecture begins at 4pm, given by videoconference Contact: Charles Rhodes, 01757 638 686, office@imm.york.fsnet.co.uk
17/02	Scottish Association for Metals Event <i>Surface Treatment for the Aerospace Industry</i>	Strathclyde University Room M329 James Weir Building Glasgow	Speaker: William Waugh, Aerospace Machining Technology Time: lecture begins at 7pm Contact: Jim Haywood, 01506 634 184, haywood.jim@btinternet.com
17/02	Oxford Materials Society <i>Materials in Renewable Energy</i>	Denys Wilkinson Building Oxford	Time: lecture begins at 6.30pm Contact: Martin Wall, 07703 106 860, info@oxfordmatsoc.com
18/02	South Wales Materials Association Event: <i>Real Live Steelmaking</i>	Tata Corus Margam Port Talbot	Info: Event starts at 1.30pm and is organised by Brian Edy of Corus Contact: Simon Lewis, simon.g.lewis@corusgroup.com
18/02	West of England Metals & Materials Association <i>Sensors for Temperature & Humidity</i>	BAWA Bristol	Speaker: Ro Twiney of GE Time: lecture starts at 7.30pm Contact: Richard Ball 01173 311 175, Richard.ball@bristol.ac.uk
19/02	Ebbw Vale Metallurgical & Historical Society <i>Damage Assessment of Structures</i>	Riverside Suite Ebbw Vale RFC Eugene Cross Park Ebbw Vale	Speaker: Prof. Karen Holford Time: event begins at 7.15 pm Contact: Brian Baker on 01495 304 404 and/or brian_baker@talktalk.net
19/02	Annual MinSouth British Tunneling Lecture	ICE London	Time: lecture begins at 6pm Contact: Michael Forrest, 020 8440 7725, Michael.forrest@miningresearch.co.uk
19/02	Birmingham Metallurgical Association Event: <i>New Generation of Ti Fan Blades</i>	Room S137/S139 University of Birmingham Birmingham B15 2TT	Speaker: Dave Rugg of Rolls Royce plc Time: lecture begins at 6.30pm Contact: Rex Harris, 0121 414 5165, i.r.harris@bham.ac.uk
20/02	Mining Journal 20:20 Series: <i>Iron Ore Day</i>	18 Lincoln Inn Fields London WC2	If you are interested in attending any of the 20:20 events as a delegate, please contact Natalie Wootton at natalie.wootton@mining-journal.com www.2020series.com
21/02	Historical Metallurgy Society <i>Historical Metallurgy in Towns and Cities</i>	Institute of Archeology University College London	One-day event, there may be a fee Contact: Marcos Martinon-Torres at m.martinon-torres@ucl.ac.uk
24/02	Minesite Forum	Armourers' Hall 81 Coleman Street London EC2R 5BJ	Registration at 9am, presentations beginning at 9.30am To register contact Emma Milton on +44 20 7395 1935 or online at www.minesite.com

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24/02	Sheffield Metallurgical & Engineering Association <i>Advanced Microstructural Characterisation of Steels & Superalloys for Power Plant Applications</i>	Holiday Inn Royal Victoria Sheffield	<u>Speaker</u> : Prof Rachel Thomson, Loughborough University <u>Time</u> : 5.30pm for a 6pm start <u>Contact</u> : Ken Ridal, 0114 230 5650, kenridal@stonedelf.fsnet.co.uk
24/02	Manchester Metallurgical Society Materials Changes in the Nuclear Industry	Manchester Materials Research Centre Manchester	<u>Speaker</u> : Kevin Christie of AMEC NNC <u>Time</u> : Lecture begins at 6.45pm <u>Contact</u> : David Mason, 01744 853 058, david.mason@ngfeurope.com
26/02	MinSouth Event <i>Sundowner</i>	The Glassblower Glasshouse Street London W1 (Piccadilly Circus tube)	A mining drinks session where people working in the mining sector meet for a drink (men & women). It has been going for over 10 years and is mainly attended by mining engineers and geologists working for mining companies. A good place for networking. Evening