Biohydromet ‘16

Sunday June 19th
16.30-18.00 Registration, wine and cheese reception. Accompanying partners welcome

Monday June 20th

08.00 Registration opens. Coffee and light breakfast
09.00 Welcoming Remarks
J. Wills (MEI, UK)
09.10 Technical Session 1
Chairmen: C. Bryan (University of Exeter, UK) and A.H. Kaksonen (CSIRO, Australia)
09.10 Keynote Lecture: Commercial heap biooxidation of refractory gold ores – revisiting Newmont’s successful deployment at Carlin
F.F. Roberto (Newmont Mining Corporation, USA)
09.40 In situ bioleaching: an alternative approach of metal extraction from deep-buried sulfide ores
E. Pakostova, B.M. Grail and D.B. Johnson (Bangor University, UK)
10.00 Selective bioleaching of uranium and phosphorus
J. Mäkinen and P. Kinnunen (VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland, Finland)
10.20 Coffee
11.10 Oxidative and reductive bioprocessing of cobalt bearing ores, and recovery of cobalt minerals via biosulfidogenesis
S.L Smith, B.M. Grail and D.B. Johnson (Bangor University, UK)
11.30 Bioleaching of metal sulfides by Ferrimicrobium acidiphilum in the presence of chloride
M. Kaszuba, S. Schopf, F. Giebner and M. Schlömann (TU Bergakademie Freiberg, Germany)
11.50 The effects of high voltage pulse comminution on bioleaching of whole ore
C.G Bryan, T.D. Sambrook, R. Bransgrove (University of Exeter, UK) and K.P. van der Wielen (Selfrag AG, Switzerland)
12.10 Growth of mesophilic microorganisms on low-grade ore in a simulated heap bioleaching environment
E. Govender-Opitz and S.T.L. Harrison (University of Cape Town, South Africa)
12.30 Investigation of preservation methods for salt-tolerant chalcopyrite bioleaching mixed cultures
A. Balfour-Cunningham, N.J. Boxall, C Morris (CSIRO Land and Water, Australia) and N.C. Banning (University of Western Australia, Australia)
12.50 Lunch
14.00  Technical Session 2  
Chairman: S. Gaydardzhiev (University of Liege, Belgium)

14.00  Using isothermal microcalorimetry to measure the metabolic activity of the mineral-associated microbial community in bioleaching  
D.X. Makaula, R.J. Huddy, M.A. Fagan-Endres and S.T.L. Harrison (University of Cape Town, South Africa)

14.20  Comparative genomics on Acidithiobacillus ferrooxidans  
S. Schopf, L. Bläsing and M. Schlömann (TU Bergakademie Freiberg, Germany)

14.40  Development of molecular assays to efficiently monitor and quantify microbial species during bioleaching of copper-rich ores  
S. Hedrich, A. Schippers (Federal Institute for Geosciences and Natural Resources, Germany), A.-G. Guézennec, M. Charron and C. Joulian (Bureau de Recherches Géologiques et Minières, France)

15.00  Toxicity of leaching additives on respiration activity of Acidithiobacillus ferrooxidans  
F. Giebner, M. Roder, M. Schlömann and S. Schopf (TU Freiberg, Germany)

15.20  Coffee

16.30  Optional Guided Coast Path Walk, ending with a beer at the Chain Locker Pub, Old Falmouth. Accompanying partners welcome

Tuesday June 21st

08.15  Coffee and light breakfast

09.00  Technical Session 3  
Chairmen: A. Parbhakar-Fox (University of Tasmania, Australia) and P. D'Hugues (BRGM, France)

09.00  Keynote Lecture: Current status and continued development of the BIOX Process  
J. van Niekerk (Outotec, South Africa)

09.30  Influence of dissolved oxygen on the bioleaching efficiency of a mesophile to moderate thermophile consortium under oxygen enriched atmosphere  
A.-G. Guézennec, P. d’Hugues (BRGM, France), D. Ibarra (Air Liquide, France) and A. Archane (Milton Roy Mixing, France)

09.50  The role of solution potential on the reductive leaching of Co(III) from oxide ore in the presence of mesophilic bacteria and added pyrite  
L. Zeka, A.I. Ndala (University of Lubumbashi, DR Congo), S. Gaydardzhiev and J. Frenay (University of Liege, Belgium)

10.10  Selection of thermophiles for bioprocessing copper and nickel concentrates  
P.R. Norris, L. Laigle, T.J. Ogden and O.J.P. Gould (University of Exeter, UK)

10.30  Coffee

11.10  Effect of bio-oxidation treatment time on gold recovery via cyanidation  
S. Ahoranta, G. Zou, A.-M. Lakaniami, J. Puhakka (Tampere University of Technology, Finland) and R. Neitola (Geological Survey of Finland, Finland)

11.30  Lithium recovery from lithium-containing micas using sulfur oxidizing microorganisms  
S. Reichel, T. Aubel, A. Patzig, E. Janneck and M. Martin (G.E.O.S. Ingenieurgesellschaft mbH, Germany)
Mobilisation of metals from Kupferschiefer in neutral to alkaline environment using bulk and biotechnologically produced organic acids
S. Kostudis, K. Bachmann, S. Kutschke, K. Pollmann and Jens Gutzmer (Helmholtz Institute Freiberg for Resource Technology, Germany)

Inhibition of *Acidithiobacillus caldus* and the potential for adaptation to thiocyanate present in cyanidation tailings waste water
C.J. Edward and S.T.L. Harrison (University of Cape Town, South Africa)

Microbial ecology and solution chemistry of interstitial and flowing liquid phases during bioleaching of low-grade sulfide ore
C.G. Bryan, S.M. Kay and V. Simov (University of Exeter, UK)

12.50 Lunch

14.00 *Technical Session 4*
Chairman: C. Brierley (Brierley Consultancy, USA)

The collaborative bioleaching of chalcopyrite by *Alicyclobacillus* and acidophilies
M. Zhang, X. Liu, G. Wang, Z. Wang, W. Liu, J. Wen (General Research Institute for Nonferrous Metals, China) and C. Zhao (Weifang University of Science & Technology, China)

Exploratory studies on the bioleaching of a pegmatite lithium ore
M.C. Vila, A. Futuro, M.L. Dinis, S. Santos, A. Danko and A. Fiúza (University of Porto, Portugal)

Study on the microbe-mineral interaction and their molecular mechanism based on synchrotron radiation techniques
J. Xia, H. Liu, Z. Nie, L. Wang, Y. Yang, Y. Ma, H. Zhu, Y. Cui, H. Liu, C. Zhao and L. Liu (Central South University, China)

Comparative study of S, Fe and Cu speciation transformation during chalcopyrite bioleaching by mixed mesophiles and mixed thermophiles
H. Liu, J. Xia and Z. Nie (Central South University, China)

Fungal biomineralization of pyromorphite and cerussite on the surface of lead metal
C. Povedano-Priego, I.M. Sanchez, G. Tschuschke, I.S. Castro and L. M. Merroun (University of Granada, Spain)

Coffee

Coffee and light breakfast

*Technical Session 5*
Chairmen: N. Boxall (CSIRO, Australia) and M.L. Torem (Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro)

Remediation of acidic metal-rich waste waters using sulfidogenic bioreactor sustained by algal biomass
A.L. Santos and D.B. Johnson (Bangor University, UK)

Biologically-induced precipitation of aluminium in synthetic acid mine water
C. Falagan, D.B. Johnson (Bangor University, UK), F.J. Sánchez-Españo (Geological Survey of Spain, Spain) and I. Yusta (The University of the Basque Country, Spain)
09.40  The effect of inoculum concentration on the biokinetic test for characterising acid rock drainage
A.K.B. Opitz and S.T.L. Harrison (University of Cape Town, South Africa)

10.00  Influence of flow and contact surface area on the mitigating efficiency of benign desulphurised
tailings in ARD prevention from waste coal interburden
A. Kotsiopoulos and S.T.L. Harrison (University of Cape Town, South Africa)

10.20  Treatment of mine-site polluted water through biosorption
S. Alam (University of Saskatchewan, Canada)

10.40  Coffee

11.20  New approaches for recovering metals from mine wastes
C. Falagan, B.M. Grail and D.B. Johnson (Bangor University, UK)

11.40  Enhancing manganese recovery from mining waste by using mixed culture of indigenously isolated
bacterial strains
S. Ghosh, S. Nayak and A.P. Das (Siksha O. Anusandhan University, India)

12.00  Solid phase analyses of chemically and biologically leached smelter slag
A.H. Kaksonen (CSIRO Land and Water, Australia), S. Särkijärvi, J.A. Puhakka (Tampere University
of Technology, Finland), E. Peuraniemi, S. Junnikkala (Boliden Harjavalta Oy, Finland) and O.H.
Tuovinen (Ohio State University, USA)

12.20  Bioleaching of steel slag for metal recovery
V. Sjöberg and S. Karlsson (Örebro University, Sweden)

12.40  Economic potential for reprocessing copper mine tailings in Chile
M. Droße, A. Schippers and J. Vasters (BGR Hannover, Germany)

13.00  Lunch

14.00  Technical Session 6
Chairman: S.T.L. Harrison (University of Cape Town, South Africa)

14.00  Metal extraction from mine tailings using bioleaching at the Old Tailings Dam, Western Tasmania, Australia
A. Parbhakar-Fox (University of Tasmania, Australia)

14.20  Continuous tank bioleaching of mine tailings by a mesophilic bacterial culture
D. Borja, R.A. Silva, H. Kim (Chonbuk National University, Republic of Korea), J. Park (Institute of
Mine Reclamation Technology, Republic of Korea), I.E. Ngoma and J. Petersen (University of Cape
Town, South Africa)

14.40  Arsenic-binding siderophores from arsenic-resistant actinobacteria
G. Retamal, Levicán (Universidad de Santiago, Chile), M. Mehnert, R. Schwabe, M. Schlömann and D.
Tischler Dirk (TU Bergakademie Freiberg, Germany)

15.00  From coal waste to soil substrate: a study on soil sulfur speciation after cultivation with Panicum
maximum
B.A. Firpo, J. Weiler, I.A.H. Schneider (Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil) and J.C.S.S.
Menezes (Universidade do Oeste de Santa Catarina, Brazil)

15.20  Conference summary
S.T.L. Harrison (University of Cape Town, South Africa)

15.40  Closing remarks and invitation to Biohydromet ‘16
A.J. Wills (MEI, UK)

15.50  Cornish cream tea
POSTERS

Removal of calcium and magnesium ions from seawater by *Bacillus subtilis* strain LN8B for use in the flotation of molybdenum ores
D. Arias, L. Cisternas and M. Rivas (University of Antofagasta, Chile)

Growth of the microalgae *Scenedesmus* sp. in a coal mining ARD treated by neutralization/precipitation
A.P.P. Freitas, I.A.H. Schneider, B.A.F. Vasquez, N.N.V. Ramirez and M. Farenzena (Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil)

Crystal phase-dependence of chalcopyrite on its bioleaching by *Acidianus manzaensis*
J. Xia, H. Zhu, L. Wang, H. Liu and Z. Nie (Central South University, China)

In situ characterization of leaching products and adsorption property between chalcopyrite and *Sulfolobus metallicus*
J. Xia, L. Wang, H. Zhu, H. Liu and Z. Nie (Central South University, China)

Dependence of tolerance to heavy metal ions of *Acidianus manzaensis* on extracellular polymer substance
Z. Nie, Y. Cui, H. Liu, H. Liu and J. Xia (Central South University, China)

Bioflotation of hematite using the *Rhodococcus Erythropolis* strain as bioreagent
C.A.C. Olivera, A.G. Merma and M.L. Torem (Pontificial Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)

Advances in mini-column testing for trucking bacterial oxidation of ferrous iron by using magnetic resonance imaging
A. Videla (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Chile)

Bioleaching of copper from brake pads dust using encapsulated biomass
F. Vermeulen and X. Nicolay (Asbl Meurice R&D, Belgium)

Preliminary studies in mineral-specific bioleaching of *Theisensludge*
S. Eisen, M. Schlömann and S. Schopf (TU Bergakademie Freiberg, Germany)

BIOMOre – An alternative mining concept
E. Pakostova and B. Johnson (Bangor University, UK)

Adhesion studies of microorganisms on natural sulphidic ore minerals
N. Eisen, S. Schopf and M. Schlömann (TU Bergakademie Freiberg, Germany)