

# CALL FOR PAPERS

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# SMRI FALL 2026

WEST YELLOWSTONE, MT | USA

SEPTEMBER 27-30

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Additional schedule to be presented in Conference Announcement)

### technical papers *important dates & author deadlines*

<b>4 MAY</b>	Call for Papers Released
<b>12 JUNE</b>	200- to 500- word abstracts due; email to Program Chair
<b>2 JULY</b>	Speakers notified of paper acceptance
<b>13 JULY</b>	Conference Announcement released
<b>15 JULY</b>	Member Registration Starts
<b>12 AUGUST</b>	Non-Member Registration Starts
<b>21 AUGUST</b>	Final paper due; e-mail to Program Chair
<b>4 SEPTEMBER</b>	Registration Closes

### conference schedule

<b>27 SEPTEMBER</b>	Technical Class
<b>28 SEPTEMBER</b>	Business Meeting (Members Only)
<b>28 SEPTEMBER</b>	Technical Paper Presentation, Day 1
<b>28 SEPTEMBER</b>	Monday Night Networking Event
<b>29 SEPTEMBER</b>	Technical Paper Presentation, Day 2
<b>30 SEPTEMBER</b>	Technical Field Trips

## FUTURE CONFERENCES

**Spring 2027**

**25-28 April**

Lyon, France

**Fall 2027**

**26-29 September**

Corpus Christi, TX, USA

**Spring 2028**

**23-26 April**

Bratislava, Slovakia

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## CONFERENCE PAPERS

Authors of selected abstracts are expected to submit a 15 to 25-page technical paper by 21 August. Detailed instructions will be provided upon acceptance of abstracts. The papers will be available to all attendees on the conference mobile platform, and on the library post-conference. The papers will be available for non-members to purchase from the library. Presenters must be available to attend the Fall 2026 SMRI Conference in West Yellowstone in person. Presentation will not be possible remotely.

## TECHNICAL CLASS

SMRI is planning an optional Technical Class titled "Development of a Cavern Storage Project, Cavern Basics" as part of the Fall 2026 Conference. This class will only be provided in West Yellowstone and will not be repeated at the Spring 2027 Conference.

## HOTEL & TRAVEL DETAILS

### CONFERENCE HOTEL

**Holiday Inn  
West Yellowstone**

315 Yellowstone Ave  
West Yellowstone, MT, USA

**SMRI RATE** \$309/night  
Room block available  
from 23 Sept - 1 Oct

[CLICK TO BOOK HOTEL](#)

### SECONDARY HOTEL

**Gray Wolf Inn  
& Suites**

250 S Canyon St,  
West Yellowstone, MT, USA

**SMRI RATE** \$309/night  
Room block details will  
be provided on the  
Conference Page soon.

### AIRPORT

**West Yellowstone Airport (WYS)** located 2.8 miles from the Holiday Inn West Yellowstone. This airport has limited daily flights.

Alternatively, **Bozeman International Airport (BZN)**, 90.8 miles away, offers more domestic and international flights.



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## TECHNICAL SESSION

**Papers are solicited on all aspects of solution mining and the use of caverns.**  
**Suggested topics include:**

### DISCIPLINES

- Geology
- Geophysics
- Geochemistry
- Health, Safety, & Environmental
- Rock Mechanics & Subsidence
- Drilling & Well Completion
- Solution Mining (*rock salt, potash, trona, & other salts*)
- Cavern Construction, Monitoring, & Operation
- Surface Facility Design, Construction & Operation

### TECHNOLOGIES

- Cavern Testing & Monitoring (*Mechanical Integrity Test, Sonar, etc.*)
- Cavern Sealing & Abandonment
- Cavern Utilization for Energy Storage

### APPLICATIONS

- Brine Production (*salt, potash, trona, or other water soluble minerals*)
- Liquid Hydrocarbon Storage
- Natural Gas, Hydrogen, & Other Gases Storage
- Renewable Energy Storage (*compressed air & hydrogen*)
- Regulatory Affairs & Best Practice Standards

### important dates & author deadlines

#### 12 JUNE

200- to 500- word abstracts due; email to Program Chair

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# SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



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## Fall 2026 sponsorships are now open!

We invite you to partner with us for the Fall 2026 Conference and showcase your organization to a global audience of industry professionals. For questions or additional information regarding sponsorship, please call or email Rachel ([rcunningham@solutionmining.org](mailto:rcunningham@solutionmining.org)). Sponsors may complete the online form (button below) to apply.

### DIAMOND SPONSOR > \$10,000

- ◆ Special recognition at the Monday Night Event
- ◆ Posters with logo displayed as a **Diamond Sponsor** throughout the conference, podium mentions during the technical program, listing as a **Diamond Sponsor** in the digital conference book, logo displayed and mentioned at Sunday reception, and acknowledgement of sponsorship displayed on SMRI website and social media posts through conference conclusion.
- ◆ Two free conference and dinner registrations or four exhibitor registrations
- ◆ Exhibitor table in the vendor area

### PLATINUM SPONSOR > \$7,500

- ◆ Special recognition at the Monday Night Event
- ◆ Posters with logo displayed as a **Platinum Sponsor** throughout the conference, podium mentions during the technical program, listing as a **Platinum Sponsor** in the in the digital conference book, logo displayed and mentioned at Sunday reception, and acknowledgement of sponsorship displayed on SMRI website and social media posts through conference conclusion.
- ◆ One free conference and dinner registration or two exhibitor registrations
- ◆ Exhibitor table in the vendor area

### GOLD SPONSOR > \$5,000

- ◆ Posters with logo displayed as a **Gold Sponsor** throughout the conference, podium mentions during the technical program, listing as a **Gold Sponsor** in the digital conference book, logo displayed and mentioned at Sunday reception, and acknowledgement of sponsorship displayed on SMRI website and social media posts through conference conclusion.
- ◆ One free conference registration or one exhibitor registration
- ◆ Exhibitor table in the vendor area

### SILVER SPONSOR > \$2,500

- ◆ Posters with logo displayed as a **Silver Sponsor** throughout the conference, podium mentions during the technical program, listing as a **Silver Sponsor** in the digital conference book, logo displayed and mentioned at Sunday reception, and acknowledgement of sponsorship displayed on SMRI website and social media posts through conference conclusion.
- ◆ Reduced rate exhibitor table in the vendor area: \$500 (includes registration for one exhibitor not attending the conference). Additional nonconference exhibitors: \$250/person.

### CONFERENCE APP > \$1,500

- ◆ Logo displayed on the conference app.
- ◆ Listing as the **Conference App Sponsor** in the digital conference book, logo displayed and mentioned throughout the conference, and acknowledgement of sponsorship displayed on SMRI website and social media through conference conclusion.

### BRONZE > \$1,000

- ◆ Posters with logo displayed as a **Bronze Sponsor** throughout the conference, podium mentions during the technical program, listing as a **Bronze Sponsor** in the digital conference book, logo displayed and mentioned at Sunday reception, and acknowledgement of sponsorship displayed on SMRI website and social media posts through conference conclusion.
- ◆ Reduced rate exhibitor table in the vendor area: \$750. This does not include staff exhibitor pass. Nonconference exhibitor is \$250/person. This includes Sunday icebreaker & Mon./Tue. lunch & snacks.

[CLICK HERE FOR ONLINE SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATION FORM](#)

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All sponsors will be recognized on SMRI website and social media posts through conference conclusion, as well as, on various platforms during the conference. Please call or email Rachel Cunningham (+1 713 724 3342 or [rcunningham@solutionmining.org](mailto:rcunningham@solutionmining.org)) with questions regarding sponsorships.

Sponsorship Level*	HOMETOWN HERO SPONSOR	ICE BREAKER SPONSOR	DIAMOND SPONSOR	PLATINUM SPONSOR	GOLD SPONSOR	SILVER SPONSOR	CONFERENCE APP SPONSOR	BRONZE SPONSOR
Cost	\$15,000	\$12,500	\$10,000	\$7,500	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$1,000
Registrations	4 free conference & dinner registrations	3 free conference & dinner registrations	2 free conference & dinner registrations - or - 4 exhibitor & dinner registrations	1 free conference & dinner registration - or - 2 exhibitor & dinner registrations	1 free conference & dinner registration	1 free exhibitor registration with add-on exhibitor table	-	-
Exhibitor tables						Reduced Rate: \$500**	-	Reduced Rate: \$750****
Logo & sponsorship level displayed on posters during conference							*** 	
Technical program podium mentions								
Sponsorship level listing in digital conference book								
Logo displayed and mentioned at Sunday reception								
Sponsorship level listed on SMRI website								
Social media posts								

\* All sponsorships also include your company's logo and many verbal mentions during the virtual conference the following week.

\*\* Includes registration for 1 exhibitor not attending conference; additional nonconference exhibitors: \$250/person

\*\*\* Conference App Sponsor logo also prominently included on Conference App.

\*\*\*\* Bronze sponsor with an exhibitor table does not include registration. Nonconference exhibitor is \$250/person.

# EXHIBITOR INFORMATION



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SMRI is offering exhibit table space for companies to set up displays at the West Yellowstone, Montana meeting in September 2026. Exhibit space is limited and will be reserved first to **Hometown Hero, Diamond, Platinum,** and **Gold** sponsors and for others on a “first-come first-served” basis.

- Exhibitor table space does *not* come with conference registration or exhibitor registration.
- Exhibitors are required to register for event through the SMRI website.
- Cost per nonconference exhibitor is \$250 (covers cost of meals, snacks and ice breaker).
- Please provide any special requirements in advance and we will try to honor (e.g. electrical).
- Exhibitors will not be included in the event sponsorship recognition.
- Your company’s exhibit table can also be part of the virtual conference platform.

## Exhibit Table

**\$1000**

## Bronze Sponsor Exhibit Table

**\$750**

## Silver Sponsor Exhibit Table

**\$500**

## Gold/Platinum/Diamond / Hometown Hero Sponsor Exhibit Table

**\$0\***

**Sponsors must apply via the SMRI website.** Requests for ‘standing orders’ of sponsorship levels may be made only by members for future conferences.

**For proper recognition** in conference posters and on SMRI’s website, a high resolution .png graphics file of your corporate logo (maximum of one logo per sponsor) must be provided as early as possible.

**FALL CONFERENCE SPONSOR SIGNUP DEADLINE IS 14 August 2026.** To be included on conference promotion, your logo must be submitted by this date. The deadline to confirm sponsorship for inclusion in the Fall Conference Announcement is 3 July.

**Sponsorship payment required** no later than one month before conference start.

**SMRI is unable to endorse sponsors at our conferences,** as it would jeopardize our non-profit organization status. Accordingly, SMRI will avoid any appearance of endorsement of any company or product, which will also ensure fairness to all SMRI Members. For purposes of this policy, ‘advertising’ includes, but is not limited to, banners, signs, or booths.

## exhibit hours

### Set-Up

**MONDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER**

Times TBD

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8:00 am – 5:00 pm

**TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER**

8:00 am – 3:30 pm

### Tear Down

**TUESDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER**

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

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for more information  
or sponsorship forms:

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