15th SULFURIC ACID PLANTS ROUNDTABLE 2026

PUNTA ARENAS, CHILE
ACTIVITY PROGRAM

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Session	Time Start	Time End	Activity	Speaker	Company	Location
Sunday, September 6						
	16:00	19:00	Hotel check-in			| DREAMS Hotel / Hotel CABO DE HORNOS
	19:00	19:30	Conference registration			| CABO DE Hotel HORNOS
	19:30	**20:30**	**Welcome Reception**			**| CABO DE Hotel HORNOS**
Monday, September 7						
	9:00	**9:30**	**Opening & Welcome Remarks**	**Dirk van der Werff**	**HOLTEC**	**| Main Ballroom**
Maintenance	9:30	10:00	Maintenance of the Sulfuric Acid Plant — Potrerillos Smelter	David Olmedo	CODELCO EL SALVADOR	| Main Ballroom
Maintenance	10:00	10:30	ISUSA Replacement Alloy Towers Presentation	Gonzalo Barcia, John Burk	ELESSENT - ISUSA	| Main Ballroom
Maintenance	10:30	11:00	Asset Reliability in Sulfuric Acid Plants: Wire Mesh Experience	Ana Azuela, José Carlos Delgado, and Miguel Hidalgo	ATLANTIC COPPER, Huelva	| Main Ballroom
	11:00	**11:30**	**COFFEE BREAK**			**| DREAMS Hotel**
Maintenance	11:30	12:00	Boosting Production by Replacing High-Speed Blowers with Low-Speed Blowers Installed in Series	Leandro Araujo	NEXA RESOURCES Cajamarquilla	| Main Ballroom
Maintenance	12:00	12:30	Altonorte: Toward a 36-Month Campaign	Jorge Del Castillo - Omar Barraza	GLENCORE, Smelter ALTONORTE	| Main Ballroom
Maintenance	12:30	13:00	Waste-Heat Recovery Boiler Repair	Boris Pivalica - Claudio Salinas	NORACID	| Main Ballroom
	13:00	**14:30**	**LUNCH**			**| DREAMS Hotel**
Converter	14:30	15:00	Evaluation and reduction of SO_2 emissions in Acid Plant No. 1 at the Ilo Copper Smelter	Álvaro Jara - Felipe Da Costa	SPCC - TOPSOE	| Main Ballroom
Converter	15:00	15:30	Case Study: Achieving 20 ppm SO_2 Emissions at a Copper Smelter After One Year of Operation with Quattro Catalyst	Allison Belgrand	BASF	| Main Ballroom
Converter	15:30	16:00	Natural Events and Their Impact on Catalytic Converter Efficiency	Pamela Lara	ANGLOAMERICAN, CHAGRES Smelter	| Main Ballroom
Converter	16:00	16:30	Catalytic Flexibility in the SO_2 Converter	Patricio Schütz	TOPSOE	| Main Ballroom
	17:00	**19:00**	**RECREATION: SOCCER TOURNAMENT**			
	19:30	**21:30**	**DINNER by HUGO PETERSEN**			**| DREAMS Hotel**
Tuesday, September 8						
Protection	9:00	9:30	CleanSpace: The New Standard for Acid Plants	Sebastian Nuñez	SOUTHBLU	| Main Ballroom
Protection	9:30	10:00	Anti-Corrosion Protection in Acidic Environments	Bruno Bertelli, Jorge Mamani	CLARK SOLUTIONS	| Main Ballroom
Protection	10:00	10:30	Closing the Protection Gap for Full-Face Respirators	Juan Carlos Ponce	EPAS	| Main Ballroom
Protection	10:30	11:00	High-engineering, multilayer refractory lining systems—specialized and end-to-end—for mitigating severe corrosion in Sulfuric Acid Plant equipment	Patrick Pfeil	REMA TIP TOP	| Main Ballroom
	11:00	**11:30**	**COFFEE BREAK**			**| DREAMS Hotel**
Inspection	11:30	12:00	Engineering Judgment in Independent Evaluations of Sulfuric Acid Plants	Álvaro Stegmann	STEGMANN SOLUTIONS	| Main Ballroom
Inspection	12:00	12:30	Capacity Restoration	Javier Ortiz	CODELCO EL TENIENTE	| Main Ballroom
Inspection	12:30	13:00	Eddy Current Inspections	Fernanda Agusto, Jorge Abel	HOLTEC	| Main Ballroom
	13:00	**14:30**	**LUNCH**			**| DREAMS Hotel**
H_2SO_4	14:30	15:00	HG Analysis of Sulfuric Acid Plant Converters and Catalyst	Eric Partelpoeg	EHP CONSULTING	| Main Ballroom
H_2SO_4	15:00	15:30	Sulfuric Acid Logistics Management at the Chuquicamata Division	María Inés Aguayo	CODELCO CHUQUICAMATA	| Main Ballroom
H_2SO_4	15:30	16:00	Operational Issues During the Gas-Cooling Stage in the Converter's Third Bed	Mario Araki - Felipe Da Costa	VEOLIA SERVICIOS PERÚ S.A.C. - TOPSOE	| Main Ballroom
Technologies	16:00	16:30	Mist Elimination in Sulfuric Acid Service: Balancing Efficiency, Pressure Drop, and Reliability	Lin Pan	BLUEFIL	| Main Ballroom
Technologies	16:30	17:00	OXYSULF – SO_2 Utilization of Smelter Off-Gas	Robert Kahr	KVT TECHNOLOGY	| Main Ballroom
	19:30	**21:30**	**DINNER**			**| DREAMS Hotel**
Tuesday, September 8						
Sulfur	14:30	15:00	The Challenge of Operating Small-Scale Sulfuric Acid Plants.	Diego Escobar	PQP	| Secondary Room
Sulfur	15:00	15:30	How changes in sulphur filter can affect molten sulphur quality	Vanessa Batista	NITROQUIMICA	| Secondary Room
Sulfur	15:30	16:00	Improving Wet Gas Reliability Through Continuous Solid Removal	Mathijs Sijpkes	ELESSENT-SULPHURNET	| Secondary Room
Sulfur	16:00	16:30	Monómeros Acid Plant Operations	Rivel Acevedo	MONOMEROS	| Secondary Room
Sulfur	16:30	17:00	Beyond Atomization: How Advanced Atomization Technology Boosts Performance in Sulfuric Acid Plants	Jorge Ayazo	CS COMBUSTION SOLUTIONS GmbH	| Secondary Room

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Wednesday, September 9						
Technologies	9:00	9:30	Metso Gas Cleaning Technology	Dr. Klaus Knabel - Rodolfo Muñoz	METSO	| Main Hall
Technologies	9:30	10:00	ENER REC: Aiming for Total Energy Recovery	Axel Schulze	HUGO PETERSEN	| Main Hall
Technologies	10:00	10:30	Smart sustaining capital projects	Claudia Araya	WORLEY CHEMETICS	| Main Hall
Technologies	10:30	11:00	Data alone won't guarantee mist eliminator success	Graeme Cousland	BEGG COUSLAND	| Main Hall
	11:00	**11:30**	**COFFEE BREAK**			**| DREAMS Hotel**
	11:30	12:00	DISCUSSION PANEL — SULFURIC ACID PLANTS ROUND TABLE			| Main Hall
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Materials	14:30	15:00	Startup Preheaters for Acid Plants	Ignacio Calvo	KALFRISA	| Main Hall
Materials	15:00	15:30	Engineering Selection Criteria for Valves and Pumps in Corrosive Applications	DJ (Dinesh J Ramakrishnan)	KONZEPT ENERGY USA	| Main Hall
Materials	15:30	16:00	WSA Major Maintenance	Rafael Palma	MOLYNOR	| Main Hall
Materials	16:00	16:30	DeMerc – A New Generation of Hg Removal from Flue Gas	Janina Mannschott	GEA	| Main Hall
Materials	16:30	17:00	Execution of complex acid-resistant repair work in Sulfuric Acid and Gas Cleaning plants on brick-lined units from the outside, without entry or with only partial access from the inside.	Oliver Schmidt	STEULER-KCH GmbH	| Main Hall
	17:00	**17:10**	**Closing Remarks**			**| Main Ballroom**
	17:30	**22:00**	**Closing Dinner (Bus transfer from Dreams Hotel)**			**| EL Restaurant ARRIERO**
Thursday, September 10						
	7:30	**8:30**	**BREAKFAST**			**| DREAMS Hotel / CABO DE HORNOS**
	8:30	12:00	Hotel Check-Out			| DREAMS Hotel / CABO DE HORNOS