Dear Colleagues,

The Society for Engineering & Management Systems of the Institute of Industrial & Systems Engineers (IISE) is sponsoring the Engineering Management Track at the IISE Annual Conference & Expo 2024. The conference is a forum for exchanging knowledge and discoveries in the Industrial and Systems Engineering research and practitioner communities. The IISE Annual Conference & Expo 2024 will continue to integrate research and industry applications under one conference.

As Track Chairs of the Natural Resources Track, we encourage you to contribute to the Conference and Track by submitting a 250-word abstract or presentation summary. Authors will be able to claim these works as refereed extended abstracts, which will be available on the conference website and can be cited. They will not be copyrighted or indexed in the official conference proceedings, and therefore there is no limitation on reusing this material for other purposes (e.g., toward the publication of journal papers or subsequent conference proceedings). We highly encourage Abstracts and Presentations Summaries that demonstrate international collaboration and the application of emerging technologies and methods. A special focus will be given to forestry and mining as to favor experience sharing in these two major Canadian industries. However, all fields of Natural Resources will be considered (oil and gas, fisheries,…). Key areas include:

- Data and information management for real time operation planning
- Logistics and inventory management
- Simulation in natural resources
- Remote operations and automatization in natural resources
- Optimization approaches in natural resources
- Risk management in natural resources planning and operations.

Authors of accepted abstracts and presentation summaries will be invited to share their work in a conference session. Regular sessions will be 80 minutes and have up to four presentations. There will also be options where authors can elect to share their content in a “Poster Session”. In addition, there are opportunities to organize and/or participate in Special Sessions (Panels, Workshops, etc.). If you are interested in a special session, please contact us directly by November 10, 2023.
While not required, we strongly encourage all presenters to submit a paper for publication so discoveries can be permanently documented. This year, two types of papers will be considered: Research Papers and Case Study Papers.

- **Research Papers** (with a limit of six pages) contain methods and results that are significant and have archival value to the industrial and systems engineering community. They will undergo a double-blind peer review process and accepted papers will be copyrighted and indexed in the Conference Proceedings via ProQuest.

- **Case Study Papers** (two to six pages) describe the application of a method or technology that addresses an important industry-motivated issue. They will be reviewed to ensure that the content focuses on the value and lessons learned for the Industrial and Systems Engineering community. The case study papers should avoid significant marketing material. Accepted manuscripts will be published with access via the IIESE website.

**Important deadlines:**

- Submission deadline for abstract/presentation summary: November 17, 2023
- Notification of decision on abstract/presentation summary: December 22, 2023
- Paper submission deadline: February 9, 2024
  *(Paper submission is optional but encouraged.)*
- Notification on full paper decision: March 8, 2024
- Speaker registration deadline: March 22, 2024
- Paper final revision submission deadline: March 22, 2024

**Important Note**

Authors/Presenters with approved abstracts must register for the Conference by March 22, 2024. Authors/Presenters that do not register by this date will have their presentations/papers withdrawn from the program and the proceedings. The presenting author must attend and present the paper at the conference.

We look forward to seeing you in Montreal!

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