



# Infacon XV: International Ferro-Alloys Congress

**25-28 February 2018**

**Century City Conference Centre and Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa**

The 15th International Ferro-Alloys Congress (Infacon XV) will be held at the Century City Conference Centre in Cape Town, South Africa from 25-28 February 2018.

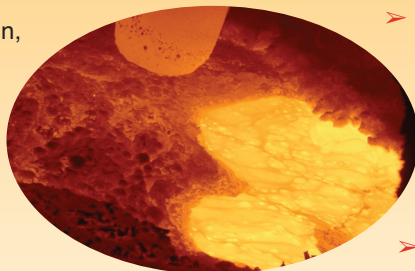
INFACON (International Ferro-Alloys Congress) was founded in South Africa in 1974 by the SAIMM (Southern African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy), Mintek (then the National Institute for Metallurgy), and the Ferro Alloys Producers' Association (FAPA) when the first INFACON was held in Johannesburg.

The intention of INFACON is to stimulate technical interchange on all aspects of ferro-alloy production.

## Topics for discussion:

### Topics include but are not limited to

- Operational updates from ferro-alloy producers
- Technical aspects of ferro-alloy production
- Status of the ferro-alloys markets
- FeCr, FeMn, FeNi, FeV, FeSi, SiMn, etc.
- Effects of electricity cost and availability
- Energy efficiency and recovery
- Pre-treatment technologies
- New technologies and processes
- Safety
- Environmental issues
- Carbon dioxide emissions and climate change
- Government policies affecting ferro-alloys
- Carbon tax
- Export restrictions or subsidies
- Sustainability
- Use of natural gas
- Sale of ore versus ferro-alloy production
- Market supply and demand
- Future of the ferro-alloys industry in South Africa



- The impact of UG2 chromite from the PGM industry
- Fines, tailings, and low-grade ores
- Volatility of ore and ferro-alloy prices
- Approach to a circular economy
- How to extract maximum value from resources
- Other topics of relevance to ferro-alloy production

## Who should attend?

- Metallurgists
- Ferro-alloy producers
- Steel and stainless steel producers
- Smelter operations managers
- Plant general managers
- Engineers, technicians, and scientists
- Process engineers
- Engineering companies
- Furnace equipment and refractory suppliers
- Researchers / Academics
- Specialists in production, economics, and the environment
- Policy makers
- Investors
- Students



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### Call for Abstracts

This conference is organised by the Southern African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy. Individuals are invited to submit papers to the Conference. Titles and short abstracts (no more than 500 words) on any relevant subject should be submitted in English via the conference website, <http://infacon15.com>

### Key Dates

30 June 2017	Submission of abstracts
31 July 2017	Notification of acceptance of abstracts
31 October 2017	Submission of papers
30 November 2017	Return of referees' comments to authors
15 December 2017	Submission of corrected papers
15 January 2018	Corrected papers to be sent for printing
25–28 February 2018	Conference

## The Southern African Institute of Mining and Metallurgy

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