

World Mine-water Experts Gather in Pretoria

More than 360 of the world's top experts met in Pretoria to discuss the challenges surrounding mine-water at the 2009 International Mine Water

Conference. Hosted by the International Mine Water Association and the Water Institute of Southern Africa's Mine Water Division featured papers from as far as

China on themes such as mine closure, active and passive mine-water treatment, water management issues and management of radioactivity in mine water.



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Tim van Stormbroek of Ferret Mining and Environmental; Wendy Mey of BHP Billiton and John Waterhouse of Golder Australia.



Dr Przemyslaw Bukowski of Central Mining Institute, Poland; André Walkow of Exxaro and Dr Andrzej Witkowski of the University of Silesia, Poland.



Left: Chamber of Mines Chief Executive Zoli Diliza was one of the keynote speakers at the conference.



The WRC stand, which featured all of the Commission's mine-water related reports, proved very popular among delegates.



Alon Brauer and Dr Neil Ristow of Phathamanzi Water Treatment; Johan Labuschagne of the University of Pretoria and Hendrik Heyl of SA Lime & Gypsum.