



New faces at MIRARCO

MIRARCO is pleased to announce the appointment of 3 new technical directors:

- **John Ashley Scott**, a distinguished Laurentian University professor, will be involved in MIRARCO's environmental undertakings.
- **Martin Smith**, an experienced mine planning researcher previously of Australian Mining Consultants will assist with EVO's mining research and development.
- **Damian Schofield**, virtual reality pioneer previously of RMIT University in Australia will be engaged in MIRARCO's visualization projects.



We would also like to wish Ming Cai all the best with his new position at the Mansour Group and thank him for his hard work and dedication to MIRARCO over the past ten years.

MIRARCO/CLRA discussion groups

MIRARCO, and the Canadian Land Reclamation Association (CLRA) are hosting monthly discussion group meetings at the Willet Green Miller Centre. The meetings are open to everyone interested in environmental issues and land reclamation projects. This month's speaker is Michael Payne, a Nutrient Management Specialist with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. For more information, contact reclamation@mirarco.org.



MIRARCO's Alumni

To mark our 10th anniversary, we would like to recognize some of the people who have made MIRARCO what it is today. We start with 2 past employees who are now with Golder Associates.



Rob Bewick was a MIRARCO employee from 2001 to 2004. During that time he worked on an array of different geomechanics-related projects and wrote his undergraduate thesis on in-situ stress management methods. Rob then went on to work for Golder Associates in Sudbury while concurrently obtaining his Master's degree in association with MIRARCO. With Golder, Rob is involved in civil and mining engineering projects both locally and around the globe in places like Brazil, Sweden, Nevada, California, Northern British Columbia, Canada's Northwest Territories and the Sudbury area as well.

Luiz Castro came to Canada in the early 1990's and completed his Ph. D. research under the co-supervision of Dougal McCreath and a very talented GRC team. After finishing his doctorate, Luiz joined the Rock Mechanics Group at the Golder Associates' Mississauga office where he has been providing consulting services for international mining projects for the last 13 years. These international projects have given him the satisfaction of meeting with and learning from new cultures while also giving back, for example, by providing training to local geologists and engineers or being a goodwill ambassador for Canada and Brazil. Luiz still enjoys assisting with the growth of the Golder Sudbury office, and interacting with the new research members of MIRARCO and CEMI.

Schedule Optimization Tool Update

MIRARCO's Bryan Maybee, SOT project co-lead has been busy traveling to Australia and South Africa to showcase MIRARCO's first commercial software, the Schedule Optimization Tool (SOT). In South Africa, Bryan presented at the annual Mine 2-4D User Conference where he received a positive response from international consultants and industry representatives.



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Events

Mine Ventilation Short Course, February 9 to 13, 2009

PDAC, Toronto March 1 to 4, 2009

Visit our booth at the CIM AGM in Toronto, May 10 to 13, 2009