

Message of Welcome from the ICARD 2012 Core Committee

Welcome to the Proceedings of the 9th International Conference on Acid Rock Drainage (ICARD), held in Ottawa, Canada from May 20-26, 2012.

After issuing the Call for Abstracts, the collective response from all over the world was amazing. We received more than 275 abstracts, which, over time, have resulted in a technical program comprising 125 oral presentations and 43 posters.

I would like to thank all the authors for their excellent papers and presentation material, as well as all the national and international reviewers who volunteered their time to help ensure the highest quality technical program possible. Thanks are also given to the plenary session speakers, session chairs, short course presenters, field trip coordinators and many others without whom this conference, and hence, these Proceedings, would not have been possible.

Lastly, I extend a sincere thank you to my friends and colleagues on the conference Core Committee--in particular, to the wonderful staff at Unconventional Planning for their professionalism and good humour, and to Bill Price and Gilles Tremblay for their rigour and fine attention to detail.

We hope you find these Proceedings useful and informative for many years to come, as we all strive to increase and refine our understanding of these important global issues and their implications.

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