



*First Announcement  
and Call for Abstracts*

# SINOROCK2009 中國岩石 2009

**ISRM International Symposium  
on Rock Mechanics  
“Rock Characterization, Modelling  
and Engineering Design Methods”**

to be held on 19-22 May 2009 at  
The University of Hong Kong, China



This is the international ISRM Symposium for 2009  
and is sponsored by the Chinese Society for  
Rock Mechanics and Engineering and  
The University of Hong Kong



*Papers on all related topics are welcomed*

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### **Symposium Highlights**

- This is the second SINOROCK symposium (the first one was held at the Three Gorges Dam Project site in China in 2004)
- The ISRM 2009 Board and Council meetings will be held in association with SINOROCK2009
- Pre- and Post-Symposium tours available
- Practical Short Courses preceding the Symposium with field tuition
- Symposium programme following the rock characterization, modelling and design process
- Excellent set of Keynote Lectures to start the sessions
- Prizes: Best Paper Prize and Best Young Person's Paper Prize (< 35 years old)
- Exhibition
- Venue at The University of Hong Kong with local site visits
- Specially designed Accompanying Persons' programme
- Range of good, competitively priced accommodation
- Student rates





SINOROCK2009 is an International Symposium of the International Society for Rock Mechanics (ISRM).

**The Venue**

The Symposium will be held on The University of Hong Kong campus, China.



The University of Hong Kong



Having arrived at Hong Kong International Airport, take the dedicated, fast and reliable Airport Express train service to downtown Hong Kong. Trains run at 12-minute intervals, the journey time between the Airport and downtown being about 24 minutes.

Later, there will be opportunities to try other types of transport in and around Hong Kong...



**Accompanying Persons' Programme**

There will be an extensive Accompanying Persons' programme which will visit some of the best tourist attractions in Hong Kong – of which there are many. Hong Kong is a shopping paradise.



**Registration Fee**

We are aiming for a relatively low registration fee, expected to be in the region of US\$300. Additionally, there will be a special low rate for students.

**Language and Abstract/Paper submission**

The language of the Symposium will be English.

**Deadlines**

- Submission of Abstracts 31 May 2008
- Acceptance of Abstracts 01 August 2008
- Submission of papers 15 October 2008
- Review comments to authors 01 December 2008
- Submission of final papers 15 January 2009

**Abstracts should be in English**, should clearly explain the content of the proposed paper and be fewer than 400 words long. The abstract should include the title, authors, authors' affiliation, corresponding author's tel/fax and email contact numbers, and the abstract text. Abstracts and papers should be submitted as .doc or .pdf files.

**Please send abstracts by email (in a .doc or .pdf file) to this email address before 31 May 2008: [Sinorock2009@hku.hk](mailto:Sinorock2009@hku.hk)**

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