



## Call for Abstracts

### **NICOLE Workshop:**

#### **Liability management from a financial, legal, and insurance perspective**

*Subtitle: including old mining sites, landfills and petro-chemical industry*

to be held from 13-15 November 2013 in Namur, Belgium

The NICOLE workshop in Namur will aim to offer a comprehensive overview from a comparative international perspective on what are the current key issues for the industry. Special consideration will be given towards long lived liability and legacy issues such as those arising in the mining sector. The aim of the workshop is to have a broad discussion involving a range of stakeholders, including regulators, owners, insurers, financial managers and the legal profession. A special interest will be put in novel approaches for liability management from the owners' point of view by how service providers have innovated in this area to align with owners' strategic objectives.

Specifically, the topics we wish to discuss are:

1. Recent changes in legislation and new liabilities arising
2. Outsourcing liability management – opportunities, risks and experiences
3. Recent experiences in liability transfer - feedback from using the liability transfer roadmap published by Nicole in 2010
4. Insurance options – approaches and risks and the ELD
5. Novel approaches to defining and quantifying liability including mitigation banking
6. Mining Legacy – societal challenges with our past
7. Chemical liabilities – short term versus long term
8. The Oil Age – a time limited liability or new liabilities to face with fracking
9. Climate change and changing liabilities
10. Environmental economics, natural resource damage and restoration

This call invites abstracts of papers to be presented at the conference. Papers (and presentations) **focusing upon case studies** (both technical and non-technical) will be favoured; particularly those drawing out problems encountered, lessons learned and identified solutions.

### **SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

Authors are required to submit a one-page abstract of the paper they would like to present, together with an outline of the structure of the paper and short biography.

Abstracts *on cases* should preferably answer the following questions:

1. where is the case situated?
2. which stakeholders (in company and external) have been involved?
3. which issues were/are important?
4. what was/is the most difficult issue to tackle?
5. which issue has been solved in a highly creative or innovative way?
6. which issue would you like to elaborate on in your presentation?
7. from what (stakeholder-) perspective will you present?

Abstracts should be sent by **1 September 2013** to the NICOLE Secretariat, email: [Nan.su@nicole.org](mailto:Nan.su@nicole.org)  
We would particularly also like to see academic and research submissions.

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# Network for Industrially Contaminated Land in Europe

## Timeline to the workshop

Abstracts will be considered by the Organising Committee. Successful submissions will be notified by 1 October, 2013. Submissions not accepted for verbal presentation will be invited for poster contribution.

A preliminary workshop programme will be published by mid-October 2013. Speakers' final abstracts and presentations must be submitted by 1 November, 2013. The workshop will take place on 13-15 November 2013 in Namur, Belgium.

## Organising committee

Sarah Mackay	WSP chair	Paul van Riet	Dow Chemical
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