The IPMI 43rd Conference will be held at the Peppermill Resort in Reno, Nevada, June 15-18, 2019. Leaving the Marriott brand after many years, the venue this year will be a bit different. The Peppermill Resort is located in downtown Reno with walking distance to restaurants and art gallery. For our networking delegates, Peppermill boasts abundant space for consulting with clients, and additionally, there are five restaurants, poolside seating and cabanas. The 4 Diamond Peppermill Resort also offers ample meeting space for our Technical Sessions, Exhibit Hall, Social Events, Receptions and Awards Banquet. Also, if the delegate needs some restorative time the resort has a first class fitness center and a spa.

The Technical program is shaping up with Drs. Eric Frueh and Zachary Henneman at the helm. Papers are flowing in and soon we will have a Preliminary Program to send to members.

The Conference will begin on June 15th with a Welcome Reception this year sponsored by Gannon and Scott who are celebrating their Centennial Anniversary. Technical Sessions and the Exhibit Hall will open on Sunday morning June 16 and conclude on Tuesday mid-day June 18. The Conference Adjourns the evening of June 18 just after the Closing Reception. In between the Opening and Closing receptions, IPMI staff and the Marketing Committee have many events planned: Ask the Experts Panel, Delegate Reception, Corporate Sponsored Receptions, a Special Concert, Young Professionals Social, a Pool Party and the Golf Tournament is back!

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Special Guest Speaker

James Steel

Chief Precious Metals Analyst
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Thursday, March 7\textsuperscript{th}, 2019

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5:30 pm  Registration, Cocktails & Networking
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James Steel is HSBC’s Chief Commodities Analyst with specific responsibilities for precious metals. Jim joined HSBC in May 2006. Previously Jim ran the New York research department for Refco, a large US commodities brokerage house and was in charge of energy, precious and base metals analysis. Jim also worked for The Economist in the Economist Intelligence Unit as an economist specializing in commodity producing nations, where he also worked on the Middle East desk.

Jim’s primary duties at HSBC include the production of daily market reports, including long term outlooks for the precious metals markets. These include supply/demand and price forecasts, as well as qualitative analyses. Jim is a frequent speaker at commodities related conferences. He is often quoted in the financial media and frequently appears on CNBC. Jim studied economics at undergraduate and graduate levels in London and New York. Jim is also a member of the International Precious Metals Institute and the New York Energy Forum.
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Kai Wan, the 2017 George Benvegno Memorial Award Winner reports: “I am currently working for a Toronto based Management Consulting firm - Trindent Consulting as a senior consultant and primary focus on chemistry-related fields such as oil and gas.”