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Call for presenters

He Tāngata: It Is People

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He Tāngata It Is People



Kia Ora everyone

The Civil Testing industry will always be defined by the people of which it is comprised. If we hope to maintain a high standard of testing in New Zealand, those of us within the industry have a responsibility to ensure the expertise and longevity of high-quality testing personnel in years to come.

We are not the foundation of the industry, but the mould from which it is cast. How can we bolster confidence in our staff and young people who will be the next generation of our industry? We must set an example and provide the framework for our people to excel and grow.

The 2021 conference is shaping up to be another ripper. Offering a combination of quality technical content, outstanding social functions, and broad industry representation.

The conference will be heading to Rotorua for the first time, hosted at the Distinction Hotel. A great venue for CETANZ, with large auditoriums and breakout rooms for special interest groups, as well as a pool and spas for some much-needed R&R.

A packed programme of technical content is sure to suit everyone's interests, along with our two keynote speakers to inform and inspire. Tony Alexander, former Chief Economist of BNZ and Tawera Nikau, a stalwart of NZRL who runs a training company dedicated to 'Unleashing Human Potential'.

We are pleased to announce the NZ branch of Nulca (National Utility Locating Contractors Association) will be joining forces with us for the conference.

The conference theme of **He Tāngata: it is people** will allow us to explore a wide variety of themes.

We are looking for presentations that embrace this theme and fit into the following streams:

- HR attraction
- Staff retention: salary, training, culture, empowerment
- Safety of our people

We look forward to receiving your submissions and having you join us at the conference.



John King
Conference Convenor



Who/What is CETANZ?

Founded in 2007 and affiliated to Engineering New Zealand as a collaborating technical society, CETANZ is a group of Civil Engineering Testing professionals from throughout New Zealand.

We offer our members support and advice on technical matters as well as networking opportunities to improve the industry for future generations.

We have representatives on the committees of various organisations and bring our expertise to these forums.

Who/What is Nulca?

Founded in 2018, Nulca is NZ's first industry association representing Underground Service Locators and those involved in locating and protecting New Zealand's underground infrastructure.

Damage prevention, of people and infrastructure, is our priority and our mission is to build a utility locating industry that sets a global benchmark for standards, capability, best practice, and innovation.

We have successfully rolled out Nulca accredited training to prepare locators for the new BeforeUdig Accreditation which arms our locators with the highest level of knowledge and expertise.

Who will attend?

The CETANZ 2021 conference is the premier conference for civil materials testing in New Zealand and the Pacific. During the event, a wide range of topics will be presented, catering for the needs of all levels of professionals from students through to managers. The conference provides exceptional value to practitioners and employers in the civil engineering profession by offering:

- Relevant topics in a packed programme
- An opportunity to build strong relationships between materials testers, contractors and engineers
- Alignment of professionals who are ultimately working towards common goals of improvement and quality

Potential delegates

- Operators involved with CPT testing
- Civil Testing Laboratories who work with Soils, Aggregates, and Asphalt
- Service Location Operators
- Civil Engineering University Students
- Government agencies such as Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency
- Engineers
- Civil Contractors
- Utility providers

Expected number of delegates

Approximately 150 -200 delegates from both CETANZ and NULCA are expected to attend this conference.

Presentation type

Abstracts for all accepted presentations will be loaded on the conference website.

We will likely be using the following presentation format (during the breakout sessions).

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Conventional lectern presentation

A presenter delivers an oral presentation (often using PowerPoint), followed by an opportunity for questions.

Presentations are usually 15-20 minutes plus 5 minutes for questions.

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Conditions

If your overview is accepted for presentation at the conference, please be aware that as a presenter you will need to meet your own time, travel, accommodation and conference registration costs to attend the conference.

Key dates

Receipt of overviews Friday 16 April 2021
Notification of acceptance Friday 14 May 2021

Submission

Abstract submissions, regardless of presentation session type are to be submitted in the form of a synopsis/overview up to a maximum 300 words and then loaded onto the call for presentation overview portal.

The application form can be found [here](#) on the call for presenter's page of the website.

You will be asked on the portal to include a short profile of the presenter (maximum 300 words per author), along with your photo and audio-visual support you are likely to require. If you are submitting more than one overview, please submit one form per overview.

Overviews will be considered based on their relevance to the conference theme so that presentations provide a wide range of perspectives. Please note that we may not be able to accept all presentations that are offered.

Please contact Glenda at Harding Conferences: glenda@hardingconsultants.co.nz or phone 03 352 5598 if you have any questions. More information about the conference can be found on the [website](#).