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**Conference Program**  
**«KAZRC Association and PONEN – A Decade of Activity: Achievements and Prospects»**

**Date: October 15, 2025**

**Venue: Nazarbayev University (Astana)**

| Start | End   | Presentations/Event                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| 8:30  | 9:30  | <b>Participant Registration</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 9:30  | 10:10 | <b>Greeting:</b><br>- Randy Hazlett, Dean of School of Mining and Geosciences at Nazarbayev University;<br>- Iran Sharkhan, Vice Minister of Industry and Construction of the Republic of Kazakhstan;<br>- Garth Kirkham, Chair, CRIRSCO;<br>- Yerlan Akbarov, Chair, Committee of Geology, MICS RK;<br>- Yerlan Galiyev, Chair, «National Geological Service» JSC;<br>- Nikolay Radostovets, CEO, Association of «Mining and Metallurgical Enterprises» (AGMP);<br>- Ruslan Baimishev, President, «Kazakhstan Chamber of Mines»;<br>- Talgat Sergaziev, Director of the Committee for the Development of Strategy in the CIS Countries of the Community of Independent Geosciences Specialists (CIG).<br><br><i>Moderator: Sergei Sabanov</i> |
| 10:10 | 11:30 | <b>Panel Session 1:</b> «10-Year Milestones. Engagement with CRIRSCO Competent Persons, reporting, user audience, ongoing training».<br><br><i>Moderator: Georgy Freiman</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 10:10 | 10:25 | <b>Nikolai Yenshin:</b> «Key results of PONEN&KAZRC over 10 years».                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 10:25 | 10:35 | <b>Margulan Baibaturov:</b> «Implementation of international standards and state accounting for mineral assets».                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 10:35 | 10:50 | <b>Timur Odilov:</b> «Trends and issues in reforming Kazakhstan's subsoil-use legislation».                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 10:50 | 11:00 | <b>Vladimir Danilov:</b> «Reports as the main outcome of KAZRC implementation».                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 11:00 | 11:10 | <b>Ruslan Erzhanov:</b> «Technical review ("reader" stage) as a key step to improve report quality and Competent Person qualifications»                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 11:10 | 11:20 | <b>Alexandr Kuznetsov:</b> «Continuous professional development as the key to upgrading specialist qualifications».                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 11:20 | 11:30 | <b>Konstantin Koshko:</b> «QMR accreditation as an essential tool for building the Competent Person corps». (online)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 11:30 | 12:00 | <b>Coffee break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 12:00 | 13:00 | <b>Panel Session 2:</b> «Global Best Practices in Exploration, Mining, and Evaluation».<br><br><i>Moderator: Nikolai Yenshin</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| 12:00 | 12:15 | <b>Yerlan Yeszhanov:</b> «Creating the Kazakhstani mineral asset valuation code (QMVAL) and interaction with IMVAL».                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |



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| 12:15        | 12:30        | <b>Roman Selivanov:</b> «Core methodological aspects of exploration at Solidcore Resources».                                                                                                                                       |
| 12:30        | 12:45        | <b>Roza Kulginbayeva:</b> «From expertise to results». PONEN and Er-Tai LLP's role in advancing subsoil use.                                                                                                                       |
| 12:45        | 13:00        | <b>Alexandr Rassokhin:</b> «Breakthrough projects at KazMinerals: a new stage for Kazakhstan's mining industry».                                                                                                                   |
| 13:00        | 13:15        | <b>Ainur Kapparova:</b> «Financing opportunities for Kazakhstan's mining sector via the AIFC».                                                                                                                                     |
| 13:15        | 13:30        | <b>Nargiza Ospanova, Jane Joughin:</b> «Growing importance of ESG factors in Resources and Reserves reporting»                                                                                                                     |
| <b>13:30</b> | <b>14:30</b> | <b>Lunch</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>14:30</b> | <b>16:00</b> | <b>Panel Session 3:</b> «New Subsoil Projects, Technologies, Information Support»<br><i>Moderator: Ruslan Baimishev</i>                                                                                                            |
| 14:30        | 14:50        | <b>Ruslan Baimishev:</b> «Achievements and prospects of the mining&metals sector: 10 years with international standards».                                                                                                          |
| 14:50        | 15:10        | <b>Nariman Absametov:</b> «The KAZRC Standard: transparency and increased investment appeal of projects».                                                                                                                          |
| 15:10        | 15:30        | <b>Robin Simpson, Samat Koishybayev:</b> «Trends in mineral resources & reserves reporting; expected changes as JORC 2012 is replaced by its forthcoming edition».                                                                 |
| 15:30        | 15:45        | <b>Sergei Sabanov:</b> «Mining education with Nazarbayev University: innovative learning for sustainable mining».                                                                                                                  |
| 15:45        | 16:00        | <b>Dias Zhabayev:</b> «From data to extraction: maximizing resource confidence with advanced geostatistics in Isatis.neo»                                                                                                          |
| <b>16:00</b> | <b>16:30</b> | <b>Coffee break</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>16:30</b> | <b>17:30</b> | <b>Panel Session 4:</b> «New Subsoil Projects, Technologies, Information Support»<br><i>Moderator: Alexandr Kuznetsov</i>                                                                                                          |
| 16:30        | 16:45        | <b>Kuanysh Zhumabayev:</b> «Applying KAZRC practices of concepts in ERG Exploration».                                                                                                                                              |
| 16:45        | 17:00        | <b>Nasser Madani:</b> «Using historical low-quality data in preparing KAZRC reports».                                                                                                                                              |
| 17:00        | 17:15        | <b>Zhanar Faizuldayeva:</b> «Integrating ESG into public reporting: the Commission's contribution to KAZRC development. Recommendations, support, and awareness-raising for Competent Persons, investors, and companies». (online) |
| 17:15        | 17:30        | <b>Tony Thornton:</b> «Implementing an automated core-scanning system: from exploration to Feasibility Study — Xanadu Mines' experience». (online)                                                                                 |
| 17:30        | 18:00        | The Award ceremony                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>18:00</b> | <b>19:00</b> | <b>Cocktail reception</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |