

# SIPS 2017 pushes back the boundaries

The annual Sustainable Industrial Processing Summit & Exhibition - SIPS 2017 is being held in Cancun, Mexico from 22 - 26 October 2017, featuring a varied programme of International Symposia on minerals, metals and materials covering three sustainability pillars:

- Science, Technology and Industrial Practice
- Political and Social Framework
- Education.

This year features the Barrios 5th (Barrios) International Symposium on Sustainable Non-ferrous Smelting and Hydro/Electrochemical Processing, which will be the first such event dedicated to a Vice President in a major copper company, in this case Dr. Patricio Barrios of Aurubis. The



*Dr. Patricio Barrios will be honoured at SIPS 2017*

previous SIPS 2016 took place on Hainan Island, China in November 2016 and saw 23 Symposia and over 500 presentations, including the John Starkey Symposium on Sustainable Mineral Processing. Mr. Starkey is a well-known figure for his strong impact on metallurgical process design and operational excellence, primarily of SAG (semi-autogenous) grinding mills.

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*John H. Starkey (left) of Starkey & Associates Inc. receiving the Fray International Sustainability Award at SIPS 2016. Photo: Flogen*