List of Past Underwater Mining Conferences: 2015–Present
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29th UMI: 1998. Toronto, Canada (University of Toronto) involving diamonds and metals: recent contributions of commercial activities and marine research to the development of high value terrestrial and marine deposits.


26th UMI: 1995. St. John’s, Newfoundland, Canada (University of St. John’s at Newfoundland) involving aggregates and placers and environmental and policy issues.


20th UMI: 1989. Madison, Wisconsin (Sea Grant Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison), involving the latest information on hydrothermal studies, manganese nodules and crusts, placers, and marine mining technology, institutions, and financing, October 1-4.


18th UMI: 1987. Newport, Oregon (NOAA Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory), focusing on hydrothermal deposits and environmental impact issues, October 4-7.
17th UMI: 1986. Biloxi, Mississippi (Mississippi Minerals Resources Institute), focusing on marine aggregate mining, November 2-5. 16th UMI: 1985. Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada (Sea Grant Institute, University of Wisconsin, IMMS, and University of Texas-Austin), focusing on hydrothermal deposits and Canadian marine research, October 20-22.

15th UMI: 1984. Madison, Wisconsin (Sea Grant Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison), focusing on hydrothermal deposits.

14th UMI: 1983. Madison, Wisconsin (Sea Grant Institute, University of Wisconsin-Madison), focusing on September 1983 coring results on the Juan de Fuca Ridge and the latest on the Red Sea, November 6-8.

13th UMI: 1982. Madison, Wisconsin (Sea Grant Advisory Services, University of Wisconsin), focusing on new looks at traditional topics (placers, nodules, engineering constraints in coastal mining, and robotics) and on new papers on sulfides and spreading centers, October 26-28.

12th UMI: 1981. Madison Wisconsin (Sea Grant Advisory Services, University of Wisconsin), focusing on sulfides and the geopolitics and critical importance of our strategic mineral supply position, October 20-22.

11th UMI: 1980. Savannah, Georgia (Sea Grant Institute, University of Wisconsin), focusing on deep sea sulfides and in-shore placers, November 11-13.

9th UMI: 1978. San Diego, CA (Sea Grant Programs of U of Alaska and Wisconsin), focusing primarily on nodule mining, October 19-20.


7th UMI: 1976. Madison, Wisconsin (Sea Grant College Program, University of Wisconsin), focusing on manganese nodule mining, October 28-29.

6th UMI: 1975. Madison, Wisconsin (Sea Grant College Program, University of Wisconsin), focusing on manganese nodule and placer mining, October 2-3.

5th UMI: 1974. Milwaukee, Wisconsin (Sea Grant College Program, University of Wisconsin), focusing on manganese nodule mining, May 9-10.

4th UMI: 1973. Milwaukee, Wisconsin (Sea Grant College Program, University of Wisconsin), involving early commercial production of deepsea nodules, details of some new underwater mineral prospects, and some profitable approaches to both exploration and metal processing, April 12-14.

3rd UMI: 1972. Milwaukee, Wisconsin (Sea Grant College Program University of Wisconsin), involving early commercial production from new discoveries, including presentations on new underwater mines, April 27-28.