



Society of Mining Professors Societät der Bergbaukunde

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Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to forward the Preliminary Program of the 23rd Annual General Meeting of the Society of Mining Professors, July 12-16, 2012, Wrocław – Poland. Our President, Prof. Monika Hardygóra, has planned a great meeting with an excellent technical program, interesting mine visits and wonderful social events. Thanks are also due to Agnieszka Nowicka, KGHM CUPRUM, for her hard work to coordinate the management of the meeting, assume communications with the members and organization of the website.

Attached please find the following:

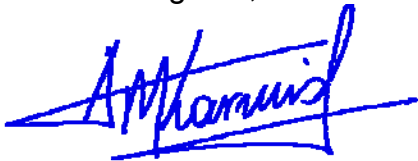
1. **The Preliminary Meeting Program:** Note the opportunity to join the meeting earlier in Krakow, for some mining and social events and then travel together by bus to Wrocław. Information includes program structure and hotel and costs information.
2. **Registration Form:** You can use the attached registration form to register for the meeting, the venues and select accommodation. In a few days, the meeting website will also be live, and you will then have the option to register on line as well.
3. **International Copper Ore Mining Congress:** This is a major meeting, following the SOMP meeting and held in Lubin, July 16-18. SOMP members are encouraged to participate and have opportunities to submit abstracts for paper presentations. Depending on number of SOMP members attending this meeting, a bus maybe arranged for transfer from Wrocław to Lubin.

As I mentioned in my first announcement of the meeting few days ago, we want to encourage colleagues this year to submit proper, full-papers, of their presentations which will be published in a special volume of the Cuprum Magazine. This volume will be available at the meeting. I must remind you that in order to comply with publication deadlines, I must receive an Abstract of your proposed topic by February 15, 2012 and the full, completed, paper by April 30, 2012. Let me know also by February 15, 2012 if you are interested to participate in the panel discussions.

This year we are also planning poster presentations by young colleagues and senior doctoral students interested in academic careers. Note the reduced fee for student registration. Please consider and encourage our future colleagues to participate and attend the meeting. In order to facilitate planning, please let me know by February 15, 2012, if any doctoral students in your institution are interested to participate in this poster session.

In order to better respond to any questions or comments, Agnieszka has developed a dedicated e-mail, especially for the SOMP meeting, as shown below: somp2012@cuprum.wroc.pl. Please address your questions to this e-mail for a faster and more complete response.

With best regards,



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