



Society of Mining Professors
Societät der Bergbaukunde

17th Annual General Meeting

Kosice, Slovak Republic

June 17 – 21, 2006

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Arrival in Kosice.

All activities on Saturday are at the Hotel Slovan (Hlavna 1, Kosice)

- 16.00-18.00 **Committee Meetings**
(at the discretion of the Coordinating Committee Chairs)
- 16:00-18.00 **Council Meeting**
- 10:00-22.00 **Registration and Reception**

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All sessions on Sunday are at the Hotel Slovan

- 8.30-10.30 **Opening Session**
- Welcome to the SOMP Annual Meeting – Rector, Technical University of Kosice
 - Status of Mining in Four New EU Members (Visegrad Countries): Poland, Hungary, Czech Republic and Slovakia – Prof. Pavol Rybar, President, SOMP
 - Current Issues and Future Directions of the European Mining Industry - Dr. Corina Hebestreit, Director, European Association of Mining Industries
 - Open Discussion
- 10:30-11:00 **Coffee Break/Photograph**
- 11:00-12:30 **General Business Session**
- Introductions
 - 17th Annual General Meeting Program Overview
 - Report of the Secretary General
 - Financial Report
 - Constitutional Updates
 - Election of Future Officers
 - Discussion
- 12.30-13.45 **Lunch**

13.45-15.15 **Session 1: Research and Development Committee**
Coordinator: Prof. Per Nicolai Martens, RWTH Aachen University

- Mining Technology Developments in Australia - Prof. Mike Hood – University of Queensland
- Undersea Mining – Prof. Ryszard Kotlinski, Prof. Pavol Rybar, Multinational Corporation Inter Ocean Metal,
- New Energy Sources - Necessity for New Technologies - Prof Sekula, Prof. Rybar, Prof. Lazar, Ing. Hamrak, Technical University of Kosice
- Research in Poland and the New EU Member States - Prof. Jan Palarski, Gliwice University of Technology
- European Technology Platform on Sustainable Mineral Resources - A Strategic Research Agenda - Prof. Per Nicolai Martens, RWTH Aachen

15:15-15:45 **Coffee Break**

15:45-17.15 **Session 2: Education Committee**
Coordinator: Prof. Bruce Hebblewhite, University of New South Wales

- The Link Between Education and Research - Prof. Wijnand Dalmijn, TU Delft
- An Educational Update from Canada - Mr. Allan Moss, Principal Consultant, Rio Tinto plc
- Joint Master in Geophysics: A Long Way to the First Truly Joint Degree in Europe - Ass. Prof. Hans de Ruiter, TU Delft
- Nationally Collaborative Mining Engineering Education (MEA) in Australia: An Update - Prof. Bruce Hebblewhite, University of New South Wales

18.30-19.00 **Welcome to 17. SOMP participants – Mayor of Kosice, Town hall, Hlavna 59**

19.00-20.00 **Cultural Entertainments Town hall, Hlavna 59**

20.00-21.30 **Dinner in Hotel Slavia, Hlavna 63**

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8.00-9.00 **Visit F BERG TU Kosice**

- Inauguration of the bust of Krištof Traugott Delius, First Professor of Mining in BERG Academy Banska Stiavnica, at the Delius Pavilion, Faculty BERG TU Kosice
- Inauguration of Tablet of SOMP at the Delius Pavilion, Faculty BERG
- Opening the exposition “Metercia” at the Delius Pavilion, Faculty BERG

9.30-11.00 **Session 3: Industry Committee**
Coordinator: Dr. Chris Cross, Rio Tinto Technology

- Introduction: Challenges Facing the Industry - A Brief Overview, Dr. Chris Cross, Rio Tinto Technology
- Mining of Magnesite in Slovakia - Ing. Sesevicka, General Director, SMZ

Jelsava a.s.

- New Trends in Coal Mining in Poland - Prof. Tajdus - Rector of AGH Krakow University
- Block Cave Mining - Rio Tinto's Current and Next Generation Mines - Mr. Allan Moss, Principal Consultant, Rio Tinto plc

11.00-11.30 **Coffee break**

11:30-12.00 **Session 4: Membership Development**

Coordinator: Prof. Christian Buhrow, TU Bergakademie Freiberg

- SOMP Membership Opportunities - Prof. Marina Peshkova, Moscow State University
- TAIEX Conference in Tallinn, Estonia - Prof. Christian Buhrow, TU Bergakademie Freiberg and Prof. Ingo Valgma, Tallinn University of Technology
- Cooperative Opportunities - Prof. Michael Karmis, Virginia Tech

12.00-12:30 **Closing Session**

- 18th, Belgrade 2007
- 19th (2008) and 20th (2009) Annual General Meetings
- Introduction of 2006 President
- Closure of the 17th Annual General Meeting

12:30-14.00 **Working Lunch**

Council/Committee Meetings

16:00 **Departure for Banska Stiavnica**

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Excursion to Banska Stiavnica (listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site)

9.00-10.00 **Sklene Teplice**

- Memorial meeting at the commemorative plaque of the founding of the first ever international professional scientific/technical Society in the world, founded in 1786 at Sklene Teplice (near Banska Stiavnica),
- Walk on the Sklene Teplice Spa

11:00-12.30 **Lunch (at Koliba near to Sklene Teplice)**

13.00-14.00 **Festivities at the Church of St. Catherine, Banska Stiavnica**

- Ceremonial formation
- Welcome of the Mayor of Banska Stiavnica
- Remarks on BERG Academia established on 1762 at Banska Stiavnica
- Thanks on Behalf of SOMP – The President of the Society
- Decoration of present society members - Mayor of the City of Banska Stiavnica

14:00-15:00 **Visit to building of principality of BERG Academy and exhibition of old mining maps**

- 15.00-17.30 (a) **Program for Council Officers and Council Members of the Society**
- Mining to Glanzenberg gallery – Inauguration of Tablet on the Visit of the SOMP in Banska Stiavnica, in the year 2006
- (b) **Program for other Members of the Society and accompanying persons**
- Visit to historic lecture halls and laboratories of BERG Academy in botanic gardens

19.00 – 20.30 **Dinner in *Bansky dom*, Banska Stiavnica**

21. Jun 2006 Members have the choice of three options

Option 1: Mine Tour and Return to Kosice in the Evening

- 8.30-10.00 Sight-seeing Banska Stiavnica – free program
 10.00-13.30 : Bus transport to Hradok
 14:00-14:30 Bus transport: Hradok – Jelsava
 14:30-16:30 Jelsava mine (magnesite) – mining
 16:30-17:00 Bus transportation: Jelsava – Hradok
 17:00-19:00 Diner with Management of SMZ Jelsava
 19:00-21:30 Bus transport to Kosice

Option 2: Siteseeing in Banska Stiavnica and Return to Kosice in the Evening

- 8.30-17:00 Sight-seeing Banska Stiavnica
 16.30-21:00 Transport to Kosice hotels

Option 3: Return to Kosice Directly

- 7.30-12.00 Transport to Kosice airport

Program for Accompanying Persons

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- 9:00- 10:15 Bus transportation: Kosice, hotel Slovan – Krasna Horka
 10.30-11.50 Visit of Castle Krasna Horka
 11:50-12:00 Bus transportation: Krasna Horka Castle - Betliar
 12:00-13:15 Visit of Chateau in Betliar
 13:15-13:35 Bus transportation: Betliar – Roznava
 13.45-14.00 Welcome by Mayor of Roznava
 14:00-15:30 Lunch with Mayor of Roznava
 16:00-17:30 Bus transportation: Roznava – Kosice hotel Slovan

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- 9.15-10.45 Bus transportation: Kosice, hotel Slovan – Bardejov
 10.45-11.30 Sight-seeing of Bardejov (*listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site*)
 11.30-12.45 Lunch
 12.45-14.15 Bus transportation: Bardejov – Kosice, hotel Slovan

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Option 1: Mine tour Program

- 15:00-16:30 Aragonite Cave (*listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site*))