

Dear Colleagues,

It is a great pleasure to welcome you all on behalf of the SOMP Executive Committee to the 18th Annual General Meeting in Belgrade. It is an honor that Serbia has been chosen as the host for the Meeting being held in this excellent venue of the Sava Congress Centre.

In addition to the members of the Society of Mining Professors, the Faculty of Mining and Geology, University of Belgrade is taking part in the organization as one of the oldest educational institutions in Serbia with the tradition of 150 years in the fields of geology and mining. The region has a long history of significant production of metals, nonmetals and coal, underground and opencast mining. The Meeting is also highly supported by the Ministries of Mining and Science.

In order for the 18th Annual General Meeting of Society of Mining Professors to keep its high standard of organization in accordance with the Program, SOMP Executive Committee has finalized all planned activities together with the Coordinators of Research and Development Committee, Education Committee and Industrial Committee, who have determined certain interesting themes and presentations.

The SOMP Executive Committee will address these issues to all members and the attendees will have an opportunity to discuss and exchange ideas, along with accompanying persons who will enjoy a good program in Belgrade and Serbia.

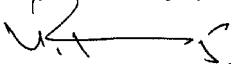
At the closing, a post meeting expert/tourist excursion to the Kolubara Open Pit Mine has been scheduled. And finally on 27th of June 2007, an ever popular Wine Tour has been arranged in the attractive National Park of Fruška Gora.

The exceptional geographical position of Belgrade in the Central part of Europe provided me with the possibility to invite you to the 18th Annual General Meeting of Society of Mining Professors. I hope we will be joined by members from all around the world in large numbers.

All technical and business sessions will be held at the Sava Center (www.savacentar.net), a world-class conference facility adjoining the designated conference hotel, the Hotel Inter-Continental Beograd (www.ichbg.com). We have negotiated excellent rates for the hotel, the conference registration and other costs. Please review the Preliminary Program and Registration information. The same documents are also posted on the website. Any questions regarding alternative accommodation, or issues with registration and travel, can be addressed by contacting me at: vlada@eunet.yu. Finally, Belgrade is easily accessible by air, road and rail and members have a number of choices for economic travel to the meeting.

Therefore I am very glad to welcome all the participants of the Meeting and wish you all a pleasant and enjoyable stay in Belgrade.

Prof. Dr Vladimir Pavlović
President of the Society of Mining Professors





Society of Mining Professors

Societät der Bergbaukunde

18th Annual General Meeting
Belgrade, Serbia
June 23 - 27, 2007

June 23, 2007

Arrival to Belgrade

All activities on Saturday are at the Sava Center

15.00-17.00

Committee Meetings

(At the discretion of the Coordinating Committee Chairs)

17.00-18.00

Council Meeting

18.00-21.00

Registration

20.00-22.00

Welcome Cocktail

June 24, 2007

All sessions on Sunday are at the Sava Center

08.30-10.30

Opening Session

- *Welcome to the 18th Annual General Meeting, Society of Mining Professors/Societät der Bergbaukunde*, Prof. Vladimir Pavlovic, SOMP President

- *Status of Mining in Serbia*, Prof. B. Kolonja, Dean, Faculty of Mining and Geology, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia

- *Mining Education at the University of Belgrade*, Prof. N. Lilic, Vice Dean, Faculty of Mining and Geology, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia

- *The Status of the European Mining Industries*, Dr Corina Hebestreit, Director, European Association of Mining Industries, Brussels, Belgium

- Open Discussion

10.30-11.00

Coffee Break/Photo Session

11.00-12.30

General Business Session

- Introductions

- 18th Annual General Meeting Program Overview

- Report of the Secretary General

- Financial Report

- Election of Future Officers

- Discussion

12.30-14.00

Lunch

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14.00-15.30 **Session 1: Research and Development Committee**

Coordinator: Prof. Per Nicolai Martens, RWTH Aachen University

- *Opportunities Under the Global Carbon Sequestration Initiative*, Prof. Michael Karmis, Virginia Tech, USA
- *Development of an Information System for Monitoring of Energy Consumption in Coal Mining*, Dr Vladislav Kecojevic, Pennsylvania State University, USA
- *Polish Activities in Underground Coal Gasification*, Prof. Jan Palarski, Gliwice University of Technology, Poland

15.30-16.00 **Coffee Break**

16.00-17.30 **Session 2: Education Committee**

Coordinator: Prof. Bruce Hebblewhite, University of New South Wales

- *International Cooperation in Mining Education-the GEME Project*, Prof. Mario Cedron, Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru, Lima, Peru
- *Health and Safety in Mining Education*, Prof. N. Lilic, Vice Dean, Faculty of Mining and Geology, University of Belgrade, Belgrade, Serbia
- TBA

19.30-22.30 **Dinner**

June 25, 2007 *All sessions on Monday are at the Sava Center*

09.00-10.30 **Session 3: Industry Committee**

Coordinator: Dr Chris Cross, Rio Tinto Technology, UK

- Presentation by WIRTGEN GmbH, Dipl. Ing. Harald Lissberg, Project Manager, Minig Division
- Presentation by ATLAS COPCO, Predrag Lazarevic, CMT Manager
- TBA

10.30-11.00 **Coffee Break**

11.00-12:00 **Session 4: Membership Development**

Panel Discussion: Supporting Existing/Developing New Educational Partnerships: The Role of Industry and Government and a Case for a New Approach

Chairs: Prof. Michael Karmis, Virginia Tech, USA, Prof. Wijnand Dalmijn, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands

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Panel: Prof. Bruce Hebblewhite,
University of New South Wales
Assoc. Prof. Hans de Ruiter,
Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands
Prof. Christian Buhrow,
TU Bergakademie Freiberg, Germany

12.00-12.30 **Closing Session**
- 19th Annual, Aachen (2008)
- 20th Annual, New South Wales, Australia (2009)
- 21st Annual, to be decided (2010)
- Introduction of 2007 President
- Closure of the 18th Annual General Meeting

12.30-14.00 **Working Lunch**
Council/Committee Meetings

18.00-20.00 **“Belgrade from the Rivers”- Sightseeing Tour**

20.00-23.00 **Dinner**

June 26, 2007 **Excursion to Kolubara Openpit Mines**

09.00-13.00 **Mine Visit**

13.00-15.00 **Lunch on Route**

15.00-19.00 **Oplenac** (visit of the historical location associated with Karadorđe, the leader of the first Serbian insurrection against the Turks in 1804)

19.00-22.00 **Dinner on Route**

June 27, 2007 **Excursion “Wine Tour”**

09.00-21.00 A whole day excursion:
Grgeteg Monastery
Sremski Karlovci - visit to the “Rošin” Wine Cellar (wine tasting), tour of the city
Čenej - tour of the farm “No. 137” and of the thoroughbred stables (traditional lunch with wine tasting)

Dinner on Route

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Preliminary Program for Accompanying Persons

June 24, 2007

- 09.00-17.00 **Belgrade Sightseeing Tour**
(Lunch included)
- 19.00-22.00 ***Dinner***

June 25, 2007

- 09.00-15.00 **Half Day Excursion to Kovačica, a village well-known by its native painters**
(Lunch included)
- 18.00-20.00 **“Belgrade from the Rivers”- Sightseeing Tour**
- 20.00-23.00 ***Dinner***

June 26, 2007

- 09.00-13.00 **Mine Tour Program**
Mine Visit
- 13.00-15.00 ***Lunch on Route***
- 15.00-19.00 **Oplenac (visit of the historical location associated with Karađorđe, the leader of the first Serbian insurrection against the Turks in 1804)**
- 19.00-22.00 ***Dinner on Route***

June 27, 2007

- 09.00-21.00 **Excursion “Wine Tour”**
A whole day excursion to Srem region, visiting:
Grgeteg Monastery
Sremski Karlovci - visit to the “Rošin” Wine Cellar (wine tasting),
Tour of the city Čenej - tour of the farm “No. 137” and of the thoroughbred stables
(traditional lunch)
- Dinner on Route***

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General Information

Meeting Venue: SAVA CENTAR,
Milentija Popovića 9, 11070 Belgrade, Serbia

Registration fees: Participants € 270* (300**, 350***)
Accompanying persons € 150* (180**, 230***)

Includes Participation in the sessions, Annual Meeting documents, Welcome reception, Catering during the Meeting (lunches & dinners included), Rivers sightseeing tour, Excursion (one in 2nd choice two in 3rd choice)
Welcome reception, Accompanying person's program, (lunches & dinners included)

* 1st choice registration fee covers the dates June 23/25

** 2nd choice registration fee covers the dates June 23/26

*** 3rd choice registration fee covers the dates June 23/27

Registration: Please download REGISTRATION FORM, fill it and return as attachment of the E-mail using the E-mail address of the Meeting Secretariat **NOT LATER THAN JUNE 1st, 2007.**

Mode of payment: Bank transfer or on the spot

- o Bank transfer payable to "SOMP2007", Societe Generale Yugoslav Bank AD Belgrade
Account number: /5401-978-12738, Beneficiary: Sava Centar
- o Swift Code: SOGYCSBG
IBAN code: CS 73275221273808302923

NOTE:

- o Please make sure that the name of the Meeting and of the participant is stated on the bank transfer.
- o Bank charges are the responsibility of the payee and should not affect the amount to be paid
- o Payment on the spot could be done either in cash or using Credit card (all major cards acceptable)

Accommodation

Accommodation is provided in the Hotel INTER-CONTINENTAL (www.ichbg.com), a part of the Congress complex, connected with the Sava Centre by enclosed passage.

The prices of the room are as follows:

Standard Single room (French bed)	Euro 110 (130 for 2 persons)
Superior Single room (French bed)	Euro 150 (165 for 2 persons)
Standard Twin bed room	Euro 130

Buffet breakfast included; city tax (of apx.1 Euro) not included.

Booking should be made by sending an E-mail request to the Secretariat.

No down-payment is required. Hotel bill should be paid when checking-out, at the hotel reception desk.

The Meeting Secretariat will also assist with obtaining the alternative accommodation upon an E-mail request.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

May 1st 2007: Dead line for hotel reservation;

June 1st 2007: Dead line for registration.

BELGRADE



There is no place in the world with such a natural combination of oriental passion and European finesse. Having stood on the path of many conquests going both from the East and from the West, Belgrade has been repeatedly destroyed and rebuilt, and has not the continuity of style and the elegance of similar European big cities. On the other hand, it has abundant vitality, sense of humor, curiosity. That's why you will never get bored in Belgrade!

BELGRADE FROM THE RIVERS

For centuries, Serbia's capital city, Belgrade, has shaped and reshaped itself on the banks of the Danube and Sava rivers, meandering around its jewel, the Kalemegdan Fortress.



OPLENAC

Just 85 km from Belgrade is the well-known historical location associated with Karađorđe, the leader of the First Serbian Insurrection against the Turks in 1804. The sites that have been preserved in Topola are Karađorđe's Mansion, a log-church, and a small fort. Towering above Topola is Oplenac Hill with the Church of St. George. It was built as a mausoleum in 1910-1930 using white marble. Its interior is decorated with mosaics of great value.





WINE TOUR

The Srem region is one of the oldest viticulture areas in Europe. The grapevine has sprouted on Mt. Fruška Gora's fertile hills for over 1,700 years, ever since it was first planted by Roman Emperor Probus of the ancient Sirmium. In this area, vineyards spread over the slanting terrains, plateau and slopes of Mt. Fruška Gora, and the vicinity of the Danube is most beneficial.

Sremski Karlovci is a rare pearl of Serbian culture and spirituality. The town-museum stands side by side with the famous European cities. The baroque core of the city boasts of many historical buildings that first overwhelm you with their beauty and then with their significance.

KOVAČICA VILLAGE

Kovacica village, 49 km north of Belgrade, inhabited mostly with Slovak minority. The village represents a unique oasis of living traditions, original arts and crafts and a way of life almost untouched by global trends. Kovacica has gained worldwide fame for its tradition of naive painting, with internationally recognized naive painters such as Zuzana Halupova and Martin Jonas.

