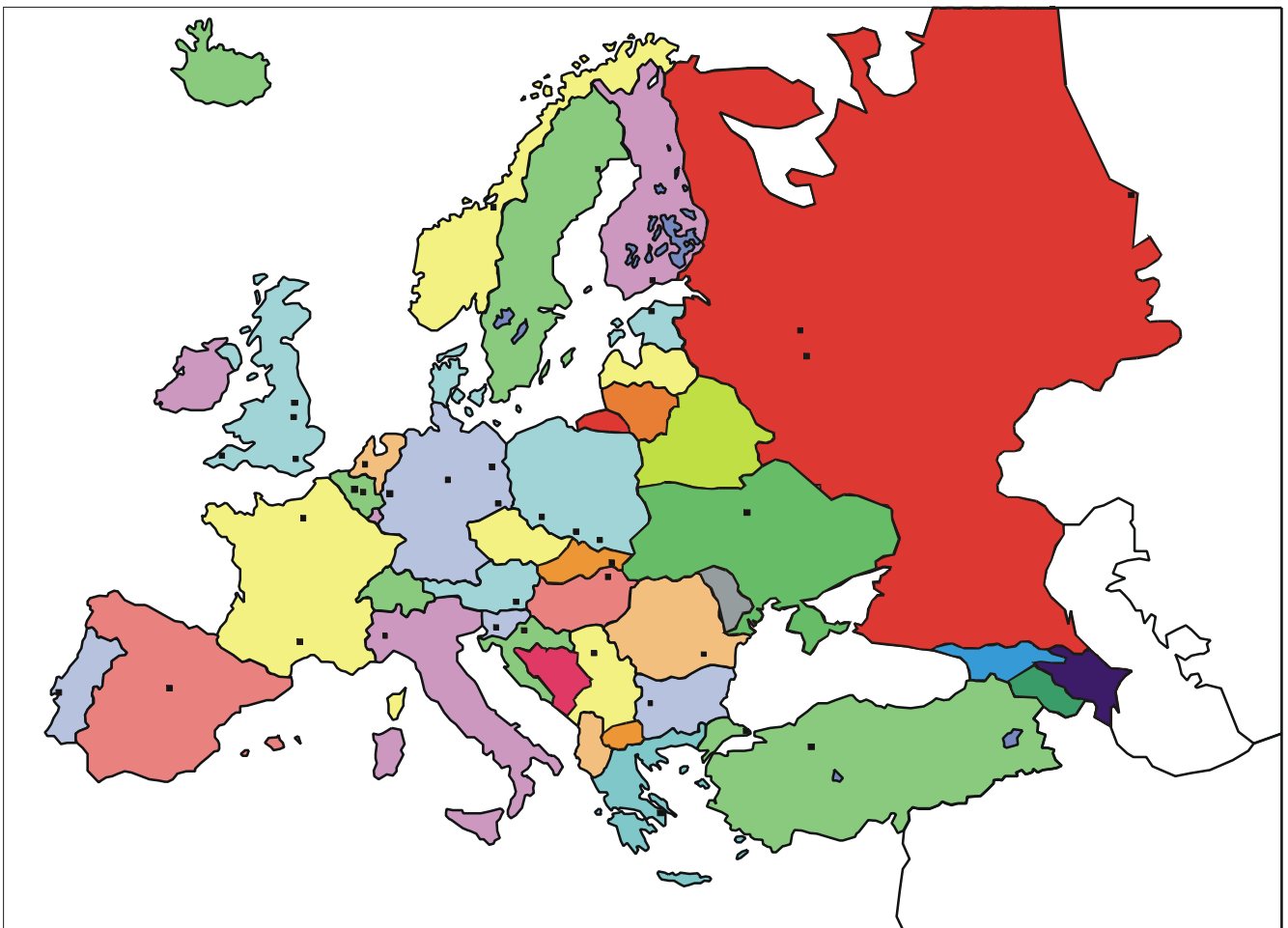


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Editorial

There has been another rather long break between Newsletters. In fact for some this edition is being sent along with the previous edition. This is due to various factors but mainly pressure of work..

This edition contains the agenda for the next meeting, which will be held in Delft at the start of July. This will be the 11th meeting of the Society, but it will also be the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Society, which took place at the first meeting in Leoben in 1990. The Society meets in interesting places, the previous 10 meetings having been held in Leoben (Founding), Lulea, Gliwice, Clausthal, Ljubljana, Miskolc, Moscow, Helsinki, Carrara, and Ekaterinberg. The next one, as pointed out above will be in Delft on the 1st July, 2000, and the one after that will be in London starting on the 12th May, 2001.

As can be seen from the agenda on the next page, the Delft meeting looks to be well organised will also involve Euromines and Eurominerals. This is planned to be an important working meeting, but as usual some flavour of the country in which the meeting is held will be obtained by the delegates. A number of readers of this Newsletter have already registered for the Delft meeting, but I urge those of you who have not to do so soon. If you still plan to come, please register as it makes the planning so much easier if an idea of actual numbers expected can be gained early. Hans de Ruiter has put a great deal of effort into organising the meeting and it is sure to be interesting, well run and well worth taking the time to attend. I look forward to seeing a record turn out of members of the Society in Delft.

This Newsletter also contains what is still a tentative agenda for the 2001 meeting. As can be seen, this meeting is to be held in conjunction with, and immediately following, the 150th celebrations of the founding of the Royal School of Mines in 1851. The 12th May was the actual foundation date of what was originally called "The Government School of Mines and Science Applied to the Arts". The name was later changed to the Royal School of Mines when a Royal Charter was obtained from Queen Victoria. In the early part of the 20th Century, the RSM became part of Imperial College, but retained its name as an entity within that institution.

Planning for the festivities for the 150 year celebration event are well advanced and it is suggested that delegates to the Mining Professors meeting may well wish to come to London for that celebration and then stay on for our formal meeting. All members are of course invited to the festivities. The Society's meeting, in more or less its normal format will then follow on after the celebrations.

During the period since the last meeting, your Secretary General has been doing his best to update his database of mining engineering courses. The first task was to search the web for institutions which have web sites and which offer mining engineering degrees to at least the equivalent of the British Bachelor's level. So far some 206 such locations have been found (including the European Mining Course) and a listing of these sites and their web addresses is available on the Society's web page at <http://www.ta.tudelft.nl/mineprof/news.html>.

Following the identification of the sites of those offering mining degree courses, I then searched the sites for the curricula and syllabuses for the mining engineering courses. Not all sites have this much information on them, and of course many of the sites which

do have it have it in a language which I cannot understand. However, by this means, the database of mining courses that I have has now been extended to include 100 mining engineering courses from 43 countries.

This Newsletter contains the tables of these latest comparisons as they are at the present time. This is work in progress and as a result some of the courses are not quite complete. I will try to have a better version available for the July meeting. I do appeal to all of you who read this Newsletter, that if you find errors in any of the courses which are there to let me know and have the corrections. Also of course, if the current offering of your university is not there, please let me have it and add it to the database.

When the file is in better shape I will arrange with Dr. de Ruiter that it too will be available on the web site for those who wish to have the whole thing in electronic form.

During the year a few new members have joined the Society, and we have lost a few through death and resignations. Including retired members the society now has some 108 members.

Finally, one more reminder to those who are late or in arrears on paying their membership fees, due to the fact that we have a subscription to Mineral Resources Engineering as part of that fee non payment can no longer be tolerated. Those not paying, **with arrears** will cease to be members of this Society, as allowed for in the constitution.



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11th Annual Meeting
 Mining Professors Society
 1-5 July, 2000, Delft
 Annual Meeting Delft '1990 -2000', The Netherlands

Date	Time	Event
1 July	Saturday	
	17.00 - 19:00	Drinks in 'Het Noorden', Noordseplein 4
	19.30 - 20:00	Boat trip through the canals to the department of Applied Earth Sciences
	20:00	Registration and buffet dinner at Applied Earth Sciences
2 July	Sunday	
	10:00 - 17:00	Excursion by bus to 'Deltawerken' protection system against floods during storms
	17:00 - 19:00	Visit to Middelhamnis
	19:00 - 22:00	Dinner
3 July	Monday	Joint session with Euromines and Euro Minerals
	9:00 - 9:15	Welcome by the Rector Magnificus
	9:15 - 9:45	The importance of raw materials for the Netherlands (Ministry of Economic Affairs)
	9:45 - 10:15	Economical aspects of the raw materials industry within the European Union (European Commission)
	10:15 - 10:45	Coffee break
	10:45 - 11:15	European Mineral Industry
	11:15 - 11:45	Federation of European Mineral Programs, Prof. W.L. Dalmijn
	11:45 - 13:30	Press meeting and lunch
		End of joint session
	18:30	Departure by streetcar to Scheveningen
	19:30 - 23:00	Dinner at the beach (Restaurant Noordzee)
		Accompanying Persons program - Delft, join the lunch
4 July,	Tuesday	
	9:00 - 16:00	Business meeting
	20:00	Dinner at the Barbara cloister (Sanctus Virgilius)
		Accompanying Persons program - The Hague
5 July,	Wednesday	
	9:00 - 10:00	Visit to the port of Rotterdam (Accompanying persons join)
	20:00	Dinner in 'Stadsherberg de Mol'
6 July,	Thursday	
		Market day in Delft - Departure of Delegates



The meeting in the year 2001 will be held at the Royal School of Mines in London. Below is the current agenda for the centenary celebrations:

150th Anniversary Celebrations of the Royal School of Mines

Day 1 - Friday 11th May, 2001 - Scientific Event

Time		Venue	Speaker
0900-0930	Registration Coffee	Assembly Great Hall	
0930-0945	Opening Remarks	Great Hall	Lord Oxburgh, Rector
SESSION ONE			
0945-1020	Overview Lecture Theme: <i>Geology</i>	Great Hall	Prof. John Dewey, Oxford
1020-1040	Topical Lecture Theme: <i>Geology</i>	Great Hall	Prof. Mike Warner, RSM Dr. Jo Morgan
1040-1050	Discussion		
SESSION TWO			
1050-1125	Overview Lecture Theme: <i>Mining</i>	Great Hall	Prof. E.T.S. Brown, Queensland
1125-1145	Topical Lecture Theme: <i>Mining</i>	Great Hall	Prof. S. Durucan, RSM
1145-1155	Discussion		
1155-1215	Coffee		
SESSION THREE			
1215-1250	Overview Lecture Theme: <i>Petroleum Eng.</i>	Great Hall	tba
1250-1310	Topical Lecture Theme: <i>Petroleum Eng.</i>	Great Hall	tba
1310-1320	Discussion		
1320-1430	Lunch		
SESSION FOUR			
1430-1505	Overview Lecture Theme: <i>Environment</i>	Great Hall	Sir John Houghton
1505-1525	Topical Lecture Theme: <i>Environment</i>	Great Hall	Prof. Matthew Leach, RSM
1525-1535	Discussion		
1535-1555	Coffee		
SESSION FIVE			
1555-1630	Overview Lecture Theme: <i>Materials & Metallurgy</i>	Great Hall	Tony Evans
1630-1650	Topical Lecture Theme: <i>Materials & Metallurgy</i>	Great Hall	Dr. R.W. Grimes
1650-1700	Discussion		
1700-1730	Closing Remarks	Dean, RSM	
1730	End of Meeting		
1830-1900	Reception		

Day 2 - Saturday 12th May, 2001 - Celebration Event

Time		Venue	Comments
0900-1030	OPEN DAY		
1030-1000	Tea/Coffee	RSM Foyer	Satellite Events
1100-1200	"150 Years of the RSM in Science & Technology"	Great Hall	Dr. Secord
0200-1230	General Discussion of RSM History	Great Hall	Chairman tba
1230-1400	Lunch		
1400-1700	Open Day at RSM	RSM Building	Displays
1700	Cocktails		
1930	Dinner	Natural History Museum - Dinosaur Hall	

That covers the official celebrations of the anniversary. The meeting of the Society as such is then planned to start as usual on the Sunday. We are planning a cultural visit - a boat trip down the Thames to the Thames Barrier and back. This takes us through Greenwich



and hence across the meridian and past the Millennium Dome. We hope to have a boat that will give us lunch on board. This plan is still to be confirmed.



The following tables are the tables showing what is taught in mining engineering degree courses around the world. It is an ongoing piece of work and this is the current state of play. For those of you getting this newsletter electronically, the table is in a separate Excel file, also attached to the e.mail which brings you this Newsletter.