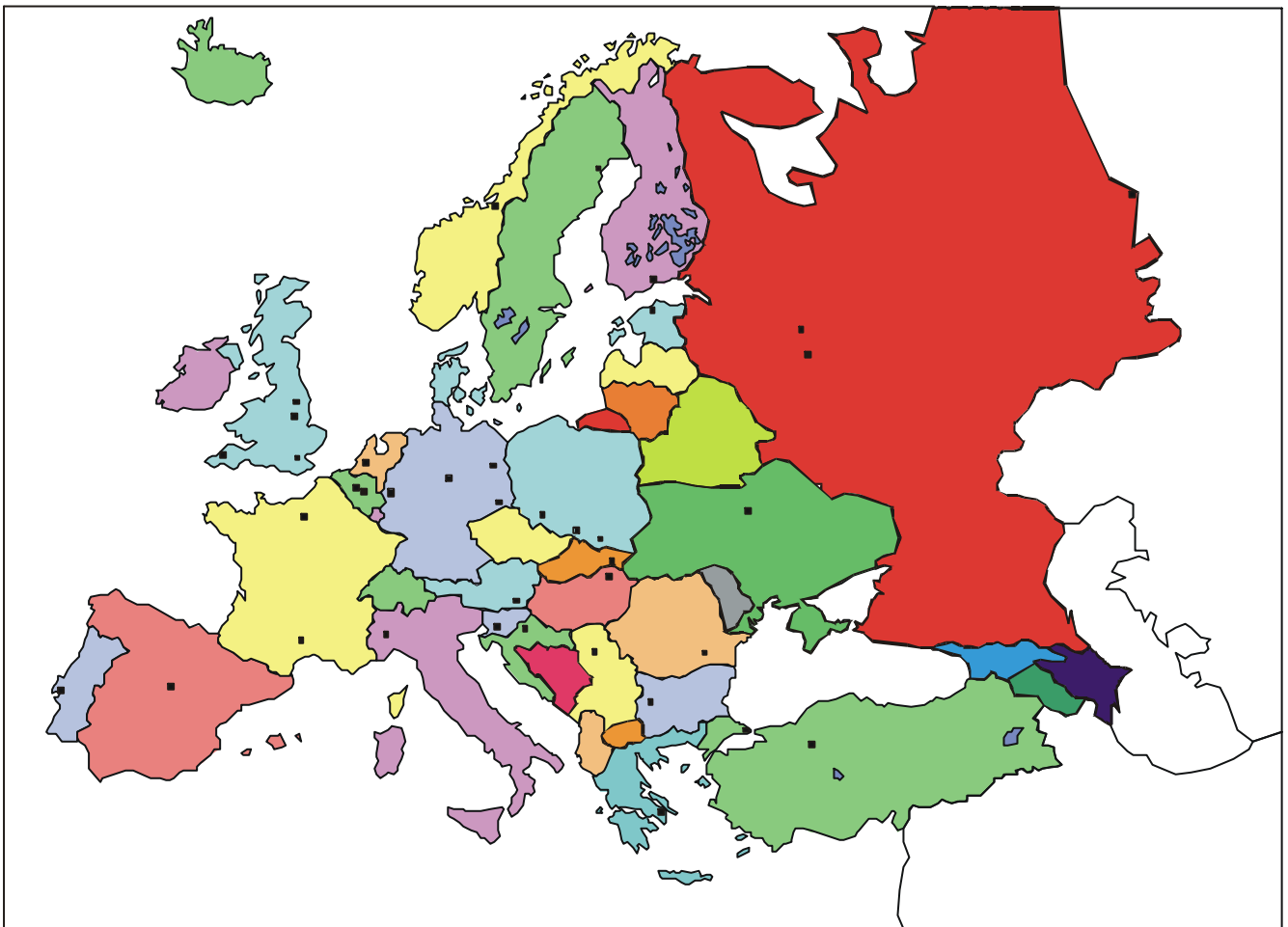


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This edition is devoted to giving as much information as currently available about the next meeting and the ones planned to follow that. Several meetings have been planned or proposed in advance and so far two are definite.

The next meeting, the 13th, will be hosted by the University of Petrosani in Romania, and the proposed agenda for this meeting is included here as the next item in this newsletter. There is also included the registration form just in case the organizers have not got one to you before now.

As can be seen the organisers have planned a rather longer meeting than has been the usual up until now, and it starts with arrival in Romania on Saturday the 1st June. The actual business part of the meeting will be on Tuesday and Wednesday the 4th and 5th June. Arrangements will be made for those who simply cannot spare the large amount of time involved in attending the whole meeting, to come to Romania just for the business part of the meeting.

The rest of us will learn more about Romania as well as joining in the business sessions. There has already been a lot of planning put into this programme and it is hoped that there will be a good turnout to the meeting. Actually, we always hope for a good turnout, as the more members who attend the more input we get into the matters discussed. It looks to me to be a good and interesting meeting and I urge you all to try to attend.

However, this will not be the only meeting in this calendar year, though it is the only one in this academic year.

In December, the Madrid School of Mines will reach its 225th anniversary and they are planning a Society meeting to coincide both with the celebrations for that event and also to coincide with a meeting of the Association of Iberoamerican Mining Schools (AIESMIN). This should be a good opportunity for us to get to know our fellow teaching professionals from those schools, particularly the South American ones. We might consider the subject of membership of the Society for such people.

The Madrid meeting will take place from 30th November to 4th December (so we will also be able to celebrate Barbara Day together) and following the agenda for the Petrosani meeting in this Newsletter you will find the first, tentative agenda for that meeting too. It is a much more conventional programme, starting on the Saturday and running through to the Wednesday as is our usual practice.

However, that is not all. There is a proposal from Mike Karmis and the professors of the Greek universities that the Society should hold a Special Meeting in Milos in Greece in conjunction with an international workshop on "Sustainable Development Indicators for Minerals Operations" that they are holding there in May of 2003. In the interest of the visibility of the Society in the industry and of again furthering our contacts with other universities and the industry, it seems to me that it would be a good idea to agree to this proposal.

I do recognise that this means that for the first time we would hold two meetings in one academic year (Sept 2002 to June 2003). However, the cause seems to me to be a good one, and we do not actually have any rule holding us down to a single meeting a year. Indeed quite the contrary, it was always envisaged that the Society might hold Special Meetings. I am therefore proposing that members reading this newsletter let me know as soon as possible whether they agree or not that we should accept the Greek offer.

Otherwise, I have been updating and checking the websites of all the mining universities that I can find. I will put an updated list on the Society's website if anyone wants to check it out. In addition, I am constantly updating the address list and that too is should now be on the website. I would really appreciate it if anyone finds any errors in that listing for them to let me know as soon as possible so that I can correct them.

This is being distributed electronically to all those for whom I have an e.mail address and who's server can take a file the size of the newsletter. This really does save enormously on the postage costs. So any of you getting this by snail mail who do have an e.mail address, please let me know that address as soon as possible.



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THE 13TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY OF MINING
PROFESSORS/SOCIETÄT DER BERGBAUKUNDE
ROMANIA 1ST-7TH OF JUNE 2002

Date / Time	Activities	Details
1 st of June Whole day , according to the landing time of the planes or to the arrival time by car in Petrosani	<p>Arrival of participants at OTOPENI (OTP/BUH) Airport by plane</p> <p>Transport of participants by Bus from Airport to HOTEL IBIS in Bucharest Lunch , dinner at Hotel IBIS Bucharest Arrival of participants who travel by car at Petrosani</p> <p>Lunch/dinner at Petrosani Transport of participants who arrive by car from Petrosani to Bucharest</p> <p>Accommodation of all participants at HOTEL IBIS BUCHAREST</p>	<p>Two ways of joining the meeting are available: By plane, with venue in Bucharest OTOPENI airport (OTP, BUH) , or, By car, if convenient for participants from neighboring countries , with venue in Petrosani. In the first case the participants will be welcomed at the airport and transferred by busses to the hotel. In the second case, the participants will be welcomed at the University, and transferred to Bucharest by bus (6 hours trip) to join the other participants at the hotel.</p>
2 nd of June 8.00-8.30 9.00-12.30 12.30-14.00 14.00-18.30, 19.00-21.00	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Sightseeing of Bucharest, by Bus Lunch Cultural program Opera, Theater etc. in Bucharest Welcome Party and dinner</p>	
3 rd of June 7.30-8.00 8.30 10-11.30 13.00 19.30	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Departure towards BRASOV by Bus via Ploiesti , Prahova Valley (Sinaia (Peles Castle), Predeal, Bran (Dracula Castle)</p> <p>Meeting with the Managing staff of Oil and Gas University in Ploiesti. Visit of the University Lunch in Predeal Arrival at Brasov (POIANA BRASOV, accommodation, dinner</p>	
4 th of June 7.30 8.00 19.30	<p>Breakfast</p> <p>Departure towards VATA BAI via Sibiu, Alba Iulia, Deva Visits, stops and Lunch , Visit to County Hall , meeting with the Governor and County Council President Arrival in VATA BAI , accommodation, Dinner</p>	
5 th of June 8.30	Breakfast	Alternative program for accom-



9-12.30 12.30-14.00 14.00-18.30 19.00	1 st Conference Session Lunch 2 nd Conference session Dinner	panying persons, trips in the region, e.g. Bear's Cave, Gold Museum, etc.
6 th of June 7.30 8.30 11.30 12.30-13.30 14.30-17.00 17.00-19.00 19.30-22	Breakfast Departure towards Petrosani (short visit at Hunedoara Castle) Arrival in Petrosani Accommodation Lunch 3 rd Conference Session. Meeting with Academic Staff of the University Final Banquet	Alternative program for accompanying persons. Sightseeing of the region (Mountain chalet)
7 th of June 7.30-8.00 8.30 10-11 12.30-13.00 18.00 19.30	Breakfast Departure towards Bucharest by Bus Visit at sculptural complex of Brancusi in Targu Jiu Lunch in Horezu Short visit of Horezu Monastery Arrival in Bucharest . Accommodation Hotel IBIS Dinner	Participants having a return fly in this day (evening) will be transferred in due time at the airport upon request Alternative program for Participants coming by car, upon desire , or return by car to their country.
7.30 whole day	Breakfast Departure of participants upon fly schedule by bus to the Airport	



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PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

PARTICIPANT

NAME		
TITLE		
UNIVERSITY/FIRM		
ADRESS		
ZIP/CITY		
COUNTRY		
PHONE	FAX	
e-mail		

ACCOMPANYING PERSON

NAME	
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ARIVAL /DEPARTURE

Arrival in Petrosani ? by car /Bucharest Otopeni Airport ? by plane, Fly no.

_____ in ____ (D) _____(M) 2002 _____(Hour)

Departure from Petrosani ? by car / Bucharest Otopeni Airport ? by plane, Fly no.

_____ in ____ (D) _____(M) 2002 _____(Hour)

ACCOMMODATION will be in *** Hotels at an average rate of 60 \$ /person /night (single) or 100 \$/room /night (double) in Bucharest (1st /2nd, 2nd/3rd and 7th/8th of June) , Brasov (3rd/4th of June) , Vata Bai (4th/5th,5/6th of June), Petrosani (6th/7th of June) .

The participants will make payment for accommodation to the hotel .

PARTICIPATION FEES

Participant : 300 \$ (or equivalent in EURO) before 31st of March 2002 ; 350\$ (or equivalent in EURO) after 31st of March 2002

Accompanying person : 100 \$ (or equivalent in EURO)

PAYMENT will be made by bank transfer to BANCA COMERCIALA ROMANA filiala PETROSANI , account no. 2511 . 31 – 50 . 59/EUR for payment in EURO and 2511 . 31 – 50 . 60/ USD for payment in US\$.

DATE:

SIGNATURE:



14th. Meeting

As mentioned above, this year there is a second meeting of the Society, technically the next Annual one as it falls in the following academic year. There is already a preliminary programme for this one too and it follows below

Society of Mining Professors
Societät Der Bergbaukunde
14th Annual Meeting
1 to 4 December -2002

Sunday, 1st December 2002 Day One:

Social Event

Visit to Toledo by bus from Madrid or visit to the old Almadén Mine. In that case the visit would be arranged by the town of Almadén and the Almadén School of Mines; we would take the AVE train to Puertollano and then the bus to Almadén.

Monday, 2nd December 2002 Day Two:

Society of Mining Professors meeting

1. Welcoming talk by the Dean of the Madrid School of Mines
2. Speakers from the Institution of Mining Engineers, major mining houses or other academic or official authorities
Lunch
3. Joint meeting with the Association of Iberoamerican Mining Schools (AIESMIN) about mobility of mining students.
Official dinner

Tuesday, 3rd December 2002 Day Three:

Society of Mining Professors meeting

1. Annual Report by the Secretary General
2. Minutes of the last meeting
3. Memberships matters
4. Place of next meeting
5. Any other Business
Lunch
6. Reception by the Town Hall of Madrid

Wednesday, 4th December 2002: St. Barbara's Day

1. Reception lunch offer by the Institution of Mining Engineers
2. Evening music festival (flamenco singing)

This is a first approach to the programme of the meeting that will be organised in collaboration with AIESMIN, in conjunction with the celebrations of the 225th Anniversary of the mining studies in Spain.

Proposal from the Greek Mining Universities

We are herewith submitting a proposal to host, in Milos, Greece, a Special Meeting of the Society of Mining Professors. This would be held in conjunction with an international workshop on "Sustainable Development Indicators for Minerals Operations"

The workshop would be jointly hosted by Virginia Tech, RWTH Aachen, the Greek Mining Schools, the Silver and Baryte Co. of Greece (S&B), a number of other European mining industries/organizations, and the SME. Euromines are also involved, with Corinne Hebestreit being in the planning group with the top management of the S&B group, who are key members of Euromines. The concept is to host this meeting back-to-back with a special meeting of the Society of Mining Professors, in Milos, May 2003.

Please also note that, at the time the two meetings are proposed, Greece will have the Presidency of EU and the organizers are confident of wide coverage and publicity within Europe for both meetings. Other details are also included below.

As of now, the week that has been selected for these meetings is May 18, 2003. The place is the George Heliopoulos Conference Centre in the Island of Milos, Greece. You may all be familiar with the Kyriakopoulos/Heliopoulos families and their contribution to the Greek and European mining industry. Ulysses Kyriakopoulos, the current CEO, has mining degrees from Leoben and Newcastle.

Arrangements for conferences in the Centre are handled by the Heliotopos Professional Congress Organizers. This is a very professional and competent group (for more information, click on <http://heliotopos.net>, the Heliotopos main page, select Conferences & Incentives and click on Upcoming Events).

So, to finish. It is proposed that a consortium of the Greek Mining Schools, RWTH Aachen, Virginia Tech, the Silver and Baryte Co. of Greece (S&B), a number of other European mining industries/organizations and the SME, would host a Special Meeting of the Society of Mining Professors in Milos, Greece, May 18-20, 2003. The Workshop on Sustainable Development Indicators for Minerals Operations, sponsored and organized by the same group, will be held in the same location, May 21-23, 2003, with the 21st being common for both activities and assigned for field trips. Please note that the Sustainability workshop is finalized and will be held regardless of the success of our proposal for the Mining Professors meeting.



Plans for the Sustainable Indicators Workshop Milos
2003.

1. Wednesday 21st should be used for field trips by both groups, Mining Professors and Workshop participants. Wednesday will also be a registration day for the Workshop.
2. The Sustainable Indicators Workshop will then be conducted on Thursday and Friday. The participants can then depart on Saturday. It is also possible to have post-workshop tours.
3. This schedule allows optimisation of planning and enables participants/speakers from the professors group to be available for the Workshop.
4. Another important reason, supporting the concept of the two meetings following each other and hosted in May 2003 exists. Greece will have the Presidency of the European Union in Spring 2003 and the European mining community (including trade organizations and companies) would like to host a major event in Greece, highlighting mining. Our proposal is an excellent fit and will also satisfy this political and public relations need.

Your Secretary General strongly supports this proposal as one of the problems the Society has discussed for some time is raising the visibility of Mining, and it seems to me that this sort of event could well gain us good publicity. We have always had room for holding a special meeting, and, with the 14th Meeting in Madrid being in December 2002 due to their 225th Anniversary celebrations, if we are to do it this would seem to be a good time to do it and a good event to tie such a meeting to.

I would appreciate it if those of you who believe that we should go ahead with such a Special Meeting would e.mail me your responses as soon as possible, as of course also should those of you who disagree and believe we should not hold the meeting. This will be discussed more fully in the meeting in Romania in June, but clearly the planning for the workshop is under way and the sooner we can make our decision as a Society whether or not to accept the proposal, the better it will be.