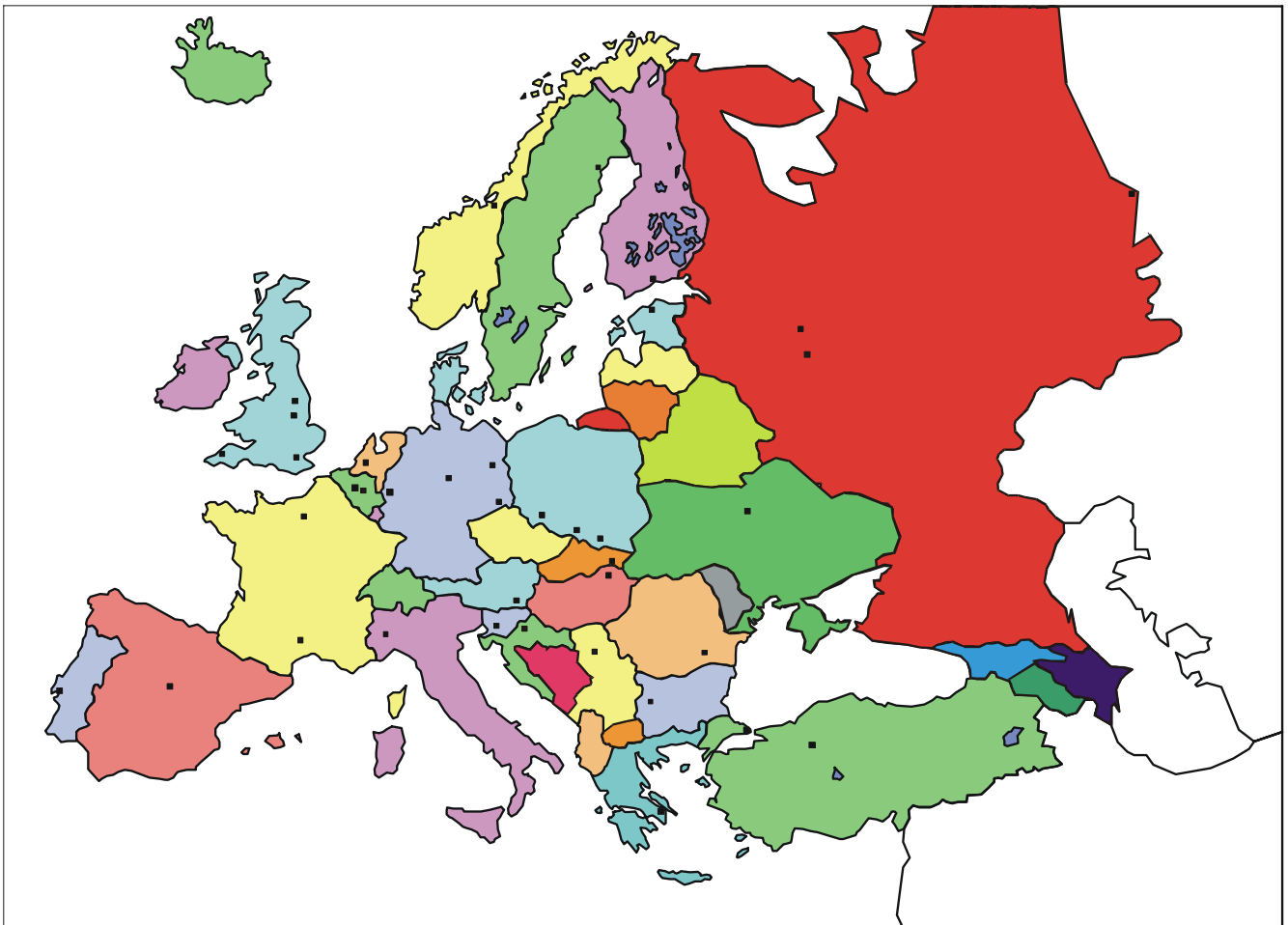


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Editorial

This Newsletter will be the last one by this Secretary General, now the immediate past SG! Yes, at the last meeting I retired as SG and was replaced by Prof. Mike Karmis. So in future, communication from the committee will come from him. However, as a last piece of work I have produced this, the last of my Newsletters.

This Newsletter contains the minutes of the 16th AGM, which was held in Ankara in Turkey and was a very successful meeting indeed. A lot of good work got done in a superbly organised meeting.

It also contains the final edited version of the new Constitution of the Society.

Please all remember, and write into your diaries that the next meeting will be held in Kosice, Slovakia from 16 to 22 June 2006 with the actual technical sessions and meeting being held on the 18th, 19th and 20th June.

It has been a pleasure working for the Society – I wish it well under its new management.

Tim. Shaw

Officers of the Society

The new officers of the Society for 2005/2006 are:

President:	Prof. Rybar
President-elect:	Prof. Pavlovic
Immediate Past President:	Prof. Pasamehmetoglu
Secretary General:	Prof. Karmis
Deputy Secretary General/Treasurer:	Prof. de Ruiter

Council

Council consists of the officers of the Society plus the regional members listed below.

Member for Australia:	Prof. Galvin
Member for South America:	Prof. Cedron
Member for Southern Africa:	Prof. Phillips
Member for Asia:	Prof. Uchino
Member for North America:	
Member for Europe:	Prof. Drebenstedt

Also on council are Profs. Fettweis, Hebblewhite and Kuzmin as co-opted members.

Membership Committee

The new membership committee consists of:

President:	Prof. Rybar
President-elect:	Prof. Pavlovic
Immediate Past President:	Prof. Pasamehmetoglu
Secretary General:	Prof. Karmis



**MINUTES OF THE
16th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF
THE SOCIETY OF MINING PROFESSORS/
SOCIETÄT DER BERGBAUKUNDE**

JUNE 11-16, 2005, ANKARA, TURKEY

The 16th meeting of the Society took place in Ankara, Turkey from the 11th to the 16th June, 2005.

Those attending the meeting were Profs. G. Badino, V. Bauer, B. Brady, C. Buhrow, C. Drebenstedt, M. Duchene, S. Durucan, G. Fettweis, J. Galvin, H. Gerhardt, M. Hardygora, B. Hebblewhite, W. Hennies, M. Hood, M. Karmis, W. Knissel, U. Kumar, Y. Kuzmin, P. Martens, K. Nielsen, Ch. Niemandelius, J. Palarski, G. Panagiotou, A. Pasamehmetoglu, V. Pavlovic, M. Peshkova, F. Rashidin Nejad, J.J. de Ruiter, P. Rybar, P. Särkkä, T. Shaw, D. Stoll, R. Thompson, I. Valgma, S. Vujec, L. Wilke

This was a very good attendance and was enhanced by a number of other attendees (potential new members) from Turkey. These were Profs. Hadi Özbal, Prof. Umit Atalay, Prof. Mehmet Sabri Celik, Dr. Ahmet Ozarslan, Dr. Melih Genis, and Prof. Gurel Senyur. Also present by invitation was Dr. Chris Cross, from Rio Tinto Ltd. Representing industry.

21 countries were represented - Austria, Australia, Brazil, Croatia, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Italy, Norway, Poland, Russia, Serbia & Montenegro, Slovakia, South Africa, Sweden, Turkey, United Kingdom, U.S.A.)

Friday 10th June

Most of the delegates arranged to arrive in Ankara on Friday, and while there was no official meeting of any sort on that evening, most of those members who were checked into the hotel met in the very pleasant outdoor restaurant in the hotel for a Turkish Barbeque.

Saturday 11th June

Saturday was given over to a technical visit. In the morning an underground visit to the Park Group's Underground Lignite Mine was organized. This mine was operating using longwall mining and is one of the most productive underground coal mines in Europe. After lunch the thermal power plant served by the mine was visited. Following that there was a visit to a planned Trona Mine, not yet in operation but which will be using solution mining, at Cayirhan/Bey pazari, approximately 100 km. Northwest of Ankara.

After visiting the Trona mine the delegates met up with the accompanying persons for a tour of Bey pazari Town and its old houses. This was followed by a dinner at the Lignite operation and finally a return to the hotel in Ankara.

SUNDAY 12th June - Morning

This was the first day of the actual meeting. In the morning the meeting was opened by the President of the Society, Prof. Pasamehmetoglu. He welcomed the delegates and then there were three introductory talks.

The first talk was by Prof. Hadi Özbal who gave a truly fascinating talk on ancient mining in Anatolia. (This talk is available for viewing on the Society's web site).

The second presentation was by, Prof Mehmet Sabri Çelik on the Mineral Industry in Turkey. And the third presentation was by Dr. Ü. Atalay and was on Mining Engineering Education in Turkey. These talks too are on the Society's web site.

After a short break for coffee, the President handed the meeting over to the Secretary General, for the formal Annual General Business Meeting of the Society.

The Secretary General recorded the apologies that had been received namely from Professors; A. Adamson, M. Cedron, B. Drezla, F. Kovacs, N. Ilias, P-A. Lindqvist, R. Matikainen, P. Moser, P. Mousset-Jones, C. Pelley, D. Potts, E. Reinsalu, H. Tudeski, K. Uchino, A. Vervoort, and H. Wagner.

Prof Shaw then reported that we should remember Prof. Strzodka, a founder member who had died during the year. We should also send our support to Prof. B. Drzezla who was seriously ill and to Prof. H. Wagner who had had a serious accident while attending an event in Argentina and was in hospital there. The members agreed that sympathy messages should be sent on behalf of the Society.

The next item was the welcome of two new members who were attending their first meeting. Each of them was asked to give a brief summary of their careers and interests. The first to do so was Prof. Marina Peshkova. She was followed by Dr. Farshad Rashid Nejad. The guests were then also welcomed.

The next item on the agenda was the new Statutes and the new Constitution of the Society. Prof. Shaw reported that the Society had recently had new Statutes legally created and accepted in Delft, Holland. These statutes, which had been circulated to the members, gave the Society, for the first time, a full, formal legal existence. These statutes had been kept as simple as possible as to change them would require further formal legal work.

Also circulated to the members had been the new constitution, provisionally agreed at the previous meeting. The members had not sent in any changes and they had been circulated for reference at this meeting, and there was a formal proposal to accept them.

Prof. Wilke corrected the SG and pointed out that he had in fact in person pointed out some errors in the wording to the SG, which did not appear to have been corrected. The SG apologised for not having done so and assured Prof Wilke that they would be done in the final version.

Prof Fettweis asked whether changes could be made to the constitution without reference to a lawyer. The reply was that they could provided that they did not affect anything in the Statutes. The constitution governs the day to day running of the Society, the Statutes are the legal framework.

Prof Shaw pointed out that under the new constitution the new and larger membership was likely to change the average age of the membership considerably, which would be a good thing as the time was here for the hand over of the Society to the next generation.



There being no other matters raised with regard to the new Statutes and Constitution a vote was called for and both documents were unanimously accepted. The new Constitution is shown later on in this Newsletter.

The next item on the agenda was the date and place for the next meeting. Since the next meeting was going to be in Kosice Prof Rybar was invited to give an introduction informing the members about the meeting and what he thought the theme of the work of the Society should be during the next year. Prof Rybar first pointed out that Prof. Villiam Bauer was also a new member attending his first meeting, even though he had actually been made a member in the previous year.

Prof Rybar proposed two dates in the middle of June 2006 for the meeting in Kosice. After some discussion it was decided that the period starting June 16 would be the most suitable date and so that time was agreed. So the next meeting will be from 16 to 22 June 2006 with the actual technical sessions and meeting being held on the 18th, 19th and 20th June.

After discussions the final tentative format for the meeting is as follows.

Friday 16th would be the day of arrival and welcome.

On Saturday 17th there would be an excursion for part of day, with return to the hotel/s before 17.00. This would be followed by a reception.

Sunday 18th would be filled with formal meetings starting with the plenary session at which the Technical University of Kosice would be introduced, also the delegates would be informed about the history of mining in the area, and the present state mining in Slovakia. This would be followed by the formal Annual General Business Meeting of the Society, and in the afternoon suitable technical sessions.

Monday 19th would be a full day of meetings at which the sub-committees, (set up later in this meeting – see below) would report back to the Society on their work during the year.

Tuesday 20th would start off with the final technical sessions in the morning. In the afternoon the excursion would start for those going on the excursion. The delegates would be taken to Old Chemnitz.

Wednesday would be taken up seeing historical aspects of Slovakia related to mining in this ancient mining area. Wednesday 21st night or Thursday the delegates would be deposited at the most convenient place for their departure from Slovakia.

It was agreed that Prof Rybar (the new President – see later) Karmis (the new Secretary general – see later) and Prof de Ruiter, (the treasurer – see later) will meet in Delft (probably in November) and/or and Kosice (in January?) to finalise the plans for the meeting.

The SG then reported that though there had been suggestions that the following meeting might be in Belgrade or Leoben. With the current medical problems of Prof Wagner a meeting in Leoben could be difficult to plan. However, the representative of Belgrade was present to press their case. Prof. Pavlovic reaffirmed his bid to have the 2007 meeting in Belgrade. He indicated that they would like to see committees on education,

the promotion of mining as a discipline etc. reporting at that meeting.

In the absence of any other interested parties it was agreed that the 2007 would be in Belgrade.

The SG then enquired as to whether the meeting for 2008 should be tentatively assigned at this meeting, but there was general agreement that it was too far ahead, and anyway, the Society should wait until Prof. Wagner recovers before making such a decision.

Prof Galvin suggested that the Society should consider in the future combining its meeting with some other meeting, as had been done in Milos for example. And that the Society should think about other networks for the future meetings with maybe combined meetings with AESEMIN for example.

It was agreed however that it was best to leave it for now so no meeting beyond the one in 2007 was planned.

The Secretary General then pointed out that we now knew who the officers of the Society were for the next year:

President	Prof P. Rybar
Immediate Past President	Prof G. Pasamehmetoglu
President Elect	Prof V. Pavlovic
Secretary General	Prof M. Karmis
Treasurer	Prof J. de Ruiter

Prof Shaw pointed out that the change in Secretary General had been agreed at the last meeting which was why the matter was not being voted on now. He also pointed out that at the end of this, the business session of the meeting, technically the new officers would be in place.

Under any other business Prof Stoll asked if the fees for membership were now €40 as he had received an invoice for 40 Euro. Since he was retired he wished to know if this was the fee for retired members also?

It was agreed that this would be decided by the membership committee. (It was later decided that the fees for full Members would be €40 and for Retired Members and Associate Members it would be €20)

Prof Pasamehmetoglu then gave the members information on the progress with the printing of the Journal Mineral Resources Engineering. Atilim University Press will do all the work for free. Members will get free hardcopy as well as the libraries of the universities. Also the journal will be accessible on the internet. Council will decide on the fees to be charged to other subscribers.

Prof Brady then asked about the official status of Journal with regard to citation indexes. The reply was that at least one year of issues was required to be out before it was possible to ask to have the citation status restored. The first issue was ready, but would only be printed when enough papers were available to ensure that the following issues would be able to be produced on time. Prof Pasamehmetoglu urged all members to send in lots of papers.

Prof Rybar promised that the council will work on membership issues during his year of office.



Profs. Wilke and Martens asked that letters be written on behalf of the Society to the relatives of Prof Strzodka and to Prof Wagner.

Prof Shaw then congratulated the incoming council and announced that there would be a council meeting including both members of the new and old councils that afternoon. And since there were no more matters for discussion he declared the meeting closed.

SUNDAY 12th June - Afternoon

In the afternoon, the President, Prof Pasamehmetoglu opened the meeting which was on research. However, first he introduced Dr. Chris Cross, who gave a presentation on Rio Tinto, and its view of collaborative research in Europe.

This presentation, as for all the others of the Annual Meeting can be downloaded through the website, or through www.mineprofs.org/info.

The presentations are filed under two headings:

Firstly under Annual Meeting 2005 and secondly by subject: education, research, industry, etc.

After Dr. Cross had completed his talk Prof Per Martens gave a talk on the EU's upcoming 7th framework program.

There followed discussion on both these talks. Dr Cross emphasised that there is a good response from Industry for the framework 7 programme. He remarked that the Society is also involved, but not at the moment on the high level group.

Prof Fettweis remarked that interaction with Society was important. He had recently written a paper about the global position of our profession, the bad image of the industry and the low intake of students. This should be turned around and an example of this having been achieved was the Chemical Industry. One way to improve recruitment is to increase the starting salaries. Industry should think about that.

Prof Martens commented that industry is now very concerned about image. Recruitment of graduates is now important. Salaries are better than a few years ago.

Prof Karmis told the meeting that starting salaries in the USA were now around \$60k – 65k. But the petroleum and chemical industries were still higher while Civil Engineering was lower.

Prof Galvin reported that salaries in Australia are OK (\$A75-90 000) but that salary is not the only thing students look at.

Prof Hood said that the salaries in industry were OK, but those at universities are low being only \$A50,000 – 60,000. This of course impacts the ability to attract teaching staff.

The next paper by Prof Hood was on Collaborative Research Centres. This was followed by another talk from Dr. Cross on MIRO – the Mineral Industry Research Organisation, in the UK – one of such collaborative research organisations, which had been established in 1974 to manage and develop collaborative R&D.

Hans de Ruiter then gave the final presentation of the afternoon on Erasmus Mundus and its effect on the European Mining Course.

MONDAY 13th June - Morning

Dr Chris Cross opened the morning with a paper on a study by an industry working group on student recruitment and internships. This was followed by Prof Hebblewhite's paper on MTEC, and that was followed by Prof Thompson's paper on WebCT.

The new Secretary General Prof Karmis then announced the council decisions taken at the recent Council meeting:

1. Final Edit of Constitution:
A committee was appointed, consisting of Profs Galvin and Hebblewhite, to review and edit the final draft of the constitution. The committee will submit the final version to the DSG/T de Ruiter within a week, for posting on the SMP website.
2. Council Memberships:
Two new members were added to the council, Prof Drebenstedt, representing Europe and Prof Kuzmin, as a co-opted member. Nominations were solicited for a co-opted council member for China and the far-east.
3. Establishment of sub committees:
 - a. R&D: Prof Martens (coordinator), Profs Hood, Durucan, and Palarski
 - b. Education: Prof Hebblewhite (coordinator), Profs de Ruiter, Phillips, Scoble, Cedron, Bauer and Taranik (University of Nevada, Reno and member of the Board of Newmont Gold).
 - c. Industry: Prof Galvin (coordinator), Profs Kuzmin, Panagiotou, Särkkä, Kumar, and Dr Cross
 - d. Membership development: Prof Buhrow (coordinator), Profs Valgma, Nejad, Peshkova, and Thompson
 - e. Each subcommittee is expected to develop a session at each AGM and provide updates during the year to the DSG/T de Ruiter for posting at the SOMP website
4. Election of non academic members as associate members: The following persons were invited to join the Society as associate members: Dr Chris Cross, Rio Tinto (invitation accepted), Dr Corina Hebestreit, Euramines, Mr Kevin Tuckwell, Minerals Council of Australia.
5. Approval of fees:
The following fee structure was approved:
 - Members: 40 Euro/year
 - Associate and retired members: 20 Euro/year
 - Emeritus members: no fee

Prof Karmis then announced that an honorary doctorate was to be awarded by Helsinki University of Technology to the Society's Deputy Secretary General and Treasurer Hans de Ruiter (in Sept. 2005)



Prof De Ruiter then showed members the Society's website: www.mineprofs.org

This site includes all links for papers, presentations, membership, etc.

He announced that presentations of the Annual Meeting could be downloaded through the website, or through www.mineprofs.org/info. They are filed twice: firstly under Annual Meeting 2005 and secondly by subject, education, research, industry, etc.

Dr Ingo Valgma reported that he had started a discussion forum at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/mineprofs/>

This marked the end of the meeting.

MONDAY 13th June - Evening

There was held the Annual Society Dinner, and during the dinner Professors Fettweis, Shaw and Wilke were awarded "Emeritus Member" status for their contributions to the Society over the years with a symbolic "Bergmanns Bart"

The new, revised version of the Constitution follows:

SOCIETY OF MINING PROFESSORS/SOCIETÄT DER BERGBAUKUNDE

PRINCIPLES OF CONDUCT AND MANAGEMENT

CHAPTER 1: NAME - OFFICE - PURPOSE – DURATION

Article 1 - Name

A non-profit making Society was constituted at a meeting in Leoben in the year 1990, pursuant to the laws of the European Union. The corporate name of the Society is "The Society of Mining Professors/Societät der Bergbaukunde". (The German name, "Societät der Bergbaukunde" makes this Society the successor to the first ever international professional scientific/technical Society, founded in 1786 at Schemnitz (Banska Stiavnica) in what is now Slovakia, with 154 members from 21 countries).

Article 2 - Offices

The registered office shall be established at Delft, Holland. It can be transferred upon decision by the Council to any other location. The decision will be advised to all members within a month of its adoption.

Article 3 - Purpose

The Society of Mining Professors/Societät der Bergbaukunde (hereinafter referred to as "the Society") is intended to be a vibrant global Society, representing the majority of mining and mining-related academics. The purpose of the Society is to promote Mining Engineering as an engineering discipline, and to facilitate information exchange, research and teaching collaboration and other collaborative activities among its members.

More specifically the Society will be committed to:

- Ensuring that university-based education at the highest level in those disciplines concerned with the extraction of mineral resources, continues to be available to those who wish to avail themselves of it.
- Ensuring that advancement, through research, of the scientific and engineering knowledge and processes in the areas of relevance to the extraction of mineral resources continues.
- Establishing a network of academics involved in achieving the above goals.
- Enhancing the image of the mineral industry and promoting development of educational courses and fostering pride within the relevant disciplines.
- Establishing and maintaining ongoing contacts with the global minerals industry.
- Promoting co-operation in educational and research programmes and identifying co-operative research opportunities.

Article 4 - Language

The official language of the Society shall be English. German may be used, in addition to English, for spoken communications at meetings.

Article 5 - Duration

The Society shall exist for an indefinite duration. The Society's operating year shall expire at the Annual General Meeting each year. Its financial year shall coincide with the Northern European academic year – i.e. from October 1st to September 30th.

CHAPTER 2: MEMBERSHIP

Article 6 - Eligibility

The full spectrum of engineers and scientists actively participating in minerals education and research shall be eligible to be members of the Society.

Article 7 - Classes of Membership

There shall be six classes of membership (all of which are subject to review, at the discretion of the Membership Committee):

Member: A person who is a full professor engaged in minerals education and/or research; or a person who has demonstrated a sufficiently high level of competency in minerals education and/or research and who is appointed as a member of the academic staff at a university; or a retired member remaining active in minerals education, consulting and/or research.



Associate Member: A person who is a member of the academic staff of a university and who does not yet meet the full requirements of the 'Member' category, but who can demonstrate an important contribution to minerals education and/or research; or a person actively engaged in minerals education and/or research and who, in the opinion of the Membership Committee, would be considered an asset to the Society.

Junior Member: A postgraduate student or junior member of a university staff involved in minerals education and/or research and who, in the opinion of the Membership Committee, shows potential for an academic career.

Emeritus Member: A retired member invited to retain full membership by the Membership Committee in recognition of their contribution to the Society.

Retired Member: A member who has retired but still wishes to retain an interest in the Society.

Corporate Member: An organisation actively promoting minerals education and/or research and which contributes towards the Society achieving its goals.

Article 8 - Membership Committee

The President, the President-Elect, the Immediate Past President and the Secretary General will constitute the Membership Committee. The Membership Committee shall make determinations on all applications for membership, taking into account the curriculum vitae of the applicant and a supporting letter from the Council member for the region in which he/she works. The vote shall be by secret ballot, if desired. A three-quarters majority of the total membership of the Committee is required for the admission of an applicant, or for the exclusion of a member.

Article 9 - Resignations

A member who wishes to resign from the Society shall give notice of resignation addressed to the President of the Society. Resignations shall take immediate effect but shall not relieve the resigning member from any undischarged financial responsibility to the Society that he/she accepted prior to resignation.

Article 10 - Termination of Membership

The Council may terminate the membership of any member, the activities of whom are considered to be incompatible with the objectives of the Society. Such termination shall be proposed by the Council after having heard the defence (orally or in writing) of the interested party. The Council may also terminate membership for non-payment of the annual membership subscription, provided that the offending member shall first have received a reminder that he/she is overdue, followed by a warning that such termination is imminent if she/he continues to be in default of payment. The vote on the resolution to terminate the membership of any member shall be by secret ballot.

CHAPTER 3: OFFICERS

Article 11 - Officers of the Society

The Officers of the Society shall be the President, President-Elect, Immediate Past President, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General/Treasurer.

Article 12 - Election of Officers

All appointments start and finish at an Annual General Meeting (AGM).

The Secretary General shall be elected by the voting members of the Society upon the recommendation of the Council and shall have a five-year term of office (which may be extended for a maximum of one additional term). The Secretary General shall be responsible for conducting the correspondence of the Society, assisting the President in organising the AGMs, ensuring the implementation of decisions taken at all meetings, distributing information of interest to members and maintaining records.

The Deputy Secretary General/Treasurer shall be elected by the voting members of the Society upon the recommendation of the Council and shall have a five year term of office. The responsibilities of the Deputy Secretary General/Treasurer will include maintaining the finances of the Society.

There will be a President-Elect who will hold office for one year. He/she shall be elected by the members present at the AGM, following nomination by the Council. Normally the President-Elect will be a Professor from the University at which the next AGM is to be held.

The President will normally be the last President-Elect. His or her appointment will be confirmed at the AGM by the voting members of the Society present.

CHAPTER 4: THE COUNCIL

Article 13 - Membership of the Council

The Society shall be run by a Council.

The Council membership shall be made up of the five Officers, together with representatives from the major mining regions of the world, including the following areas: Europe, North America, South America, Africa, Asia, Oceania. The Council may co-opt a maximum of two other Members for specific assignments. If the organiser of the next AGM is not a member of the Council, then he/she will automatically be one of the co-opted members.

The majority of the Council members shall normally be from the category of Member (as defined in Article 7). Associate Members shall be eligible to hold office and be members of Council, but the number of Associate Members holding office or being members shall always be a minority in the Council.

Article 14 – Role of the Council

Council shall order the affairs of the Society.

The President, supported by the Secretary General and the Council, shall have an annual programme of action, setting priorities for the activities of the Society during his/her term of office and this programme shall be considered at the AGM of



the Society. The programme will have been drawn up by the President during his/her year as President-Elect.

The Council shall meet at least once per year, normally at the time of and at the same site as the AGM. The President in agreement with the Secretary General may convene other meetings in case of need. Notices of such meetings shall be sent to all Council Members at least 21 days before the dates of such meetings.

Article 15 - Election of Council Members

The Officers of the Society shall all be ex officio Council Members.

In addition to the Officers, regional members will be elected by voting members of the Society from the region concerned. The term of office will be a maximum of three years.

The Secretary General shall be responsible for the conduct of the regional voting process.

Article 16 - Quora and Voting

A quorum of the Council shall be three Officers of the Society (ref. Article 11), plus three other Council Members (ref. Article 13). In the absence of a quorum a notice shall immediately be issued to reconvene the meeting to resolve any matters on which a vote is required. Such a reconvened meeting shall be held not less than 21 days and not more than 42 days after the original meeting, those present at the reconvened meeting constituting a quorum.

When a vote is taken in the Council, each member shall have one vote. In the event of an equality of votes the President shall have a second (casting) vote.

The vote in Council shall be by secret ballot, if desired. Decisions shall be by simple majority of those present, except that a three-quarters majority of the total membership of the Council is required for modification of the Statutes. In this latter case, postal voting is acceptable.

Article 17 - Action between meetings

Between meetings of the Council the Secretary General shall have the authority to act in the name of the Society in urgent matters after seeking the agreement of the President and/or the President-Elect or that of other members of Council as appropriate.

Article 18 - Council responsibilities

All acts binding the Society shall be signed (except when a special proxy-holder has been designated) by two Members of the Council or by the Secretary General.

The Council shall be entrusted with court cases in which the Society is involved either as a plaintiff or as a defendant and the Society shall be represented in litigation by the President, Secretary General or by a member or members of the Council designated for this purpose.

Article 19 – Annual General Meeting (AGM)

There shall be an Annual General Meeting held once per year. The venue for each AGM shall be chosen by vote at a previous AGM of the Society. Normally, the location of the next two AGMs only will be agreed at each meeting.

Any voting member may bid to host an AGM, on behalf of their university. These proposals will be considered by the members present at the AGM during which the bid is made and the result will be decided by vote.

Once a site for a future AGM has been accepted, it is essential that the university concerned with the organisation of that event be represented at any AGM between such acceptance and the actual date of the meeting.

In the event of no representative being present at an intervening AGM, the right to host the next (or subsequent) AGM may be withdrawn and it may be offered to an alternative venue.

Notice of AGMs will be sent out with the minutes of the previous AGM. In addition, the organisers will be expected to contact all members and inform them of the venue, dates and other relevant information concerning the AGM. The organiser of the AGM, with the agreement of the Council represented by the Secretary General, is responsible for all invitations to speak, and the organisation of the actual programme.

Article 20 – Voting Members

At any meeting of the Society where a vote is required, only those members within the membership categories of Member, Associate Member and Emeritus Member (as defined in Article 7) are eligible to vote, provided that such members have paid their annual membership fees of the Society for the current year.

Article 21 - Ordinary General Meetings (OGM)

An Ordinary General Meeting may be held at any time. Such meetings will be official meetings of the Society, but, unlike the AGMs, will have no authority to elect Society Officers. An OGM may be called by Officers of the Society. The organisers of any OGM will be expected to provide all members with a minimum of 28 days notice of such OGM, including details of the venue, date, time and agenda for the meeting.

Article 22 - Minutes of meetings

The minutes of each meeting of the Society shall be recorded. The minutes shall contain a summary of all discussions, the text of proposals/motions submitted to the meeting, a record of the decisions, and shall include the results of any ballots taken.

The minutes shall be recorded in the English language and shall be distributed by the Secretary General as soon as practicable after the close of the meeting to all members. Any proposals for amendment of the record shall be submitted to the Secretary General within two months of the distribution and shall be considered at the next meeting of the Society. The final version of the minutes shall be signed by the President.



CHAPTER 6: SOCIETY PROGRAMMES AND INITIATIVES

Article 23 – Academic Programmes

The Society should foster the development of initiatives to ensure:

- Guardianship and leadership of academic knowledge and standards
- Awareness of health, safety, environment, community and sustainability matters in minerals education programmes
- Clusters/networks between universities, industry, governments, NGOs and alumni for the purpose of facilitating exchanges, sharing facilities and course offerings and reviewing and assessing programmes of participants
- Establishment of a register and data bank of programmes, personnel, facilities and other resources associated with minerals education and research
- Recognition of undergraduate, postgraduate and post-academic/continuing professional development (CPD) programmes of participants
- Succession training of future academics in minerals disciplines

Article 24 - Research Programmes

The Society will actively seek to enhance the funding base for minerals-related research with governments and industry. The Society will also actively promote coordination of research grants and the undertaking of major research initiatives.

Article 25 – Communications

The Society will pursue various means of communication amongst members (which may include a regular Newsletter); and publication of educational and research material (for example through a technical mining journal).

Article 26 - Exchange Opportunities

The Society shall foster development of initiatives to establish and maintain international student and staff exchange programmes.

Article 27 - Development of Conferences and Short Courses

The Society should consider supporting the development of conferences and short courses for the benefit of members.

CHAPTER 7: FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Article 28 - Annual Subscriptions

An annual subscription rate for each membership category shall be determined by the Council, for endorsement by the voting members of the Society at each AGM. The income from such subscriptions shall be used, in part, to meet expenses duly approved by the Council (for example those for administrative matters and other approved activities). The Deputy Secretary General/Treasurer, on behalf of the Council, shall report

to the AGM on the financial circumstances of the previous financial year, the current financial year status, and present a budget for the coming financial year.

Article 29 - Costs of AGM

The costs associated with the AGMs will be recovered from the participants through a registration fee. The AGM is expected to be run as a non-profit function and the fee charged to members is expected to be kept to the minimum required to cover the costs.

