



# Society of Mining Professors Societät der Bergbaukunde

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**Progress report and update by the Secretary General**  
**(For comments or questions please contact: mkarmis@vt.edu)**

I would like to start my first newsletter to the Society by offering on behalf of all members our sincere thanks and appreciation to our colleague, Prof. Tim Shaw, for his many years of dedication, diligence and energy that he devoted to the position of General Secretary of the Society.

I also would like to offer on behalf of all Society members, our congratulations to our colleagues, Prof. Fettweis, Prof. Wilke and Prof. Shaw, for being recognized at the Ankara Meeting as *Emeritus* Members. According to our new constitution, this recognition is by invitation to express appreciation of members who have made contributions to the mission and goals of the Society. Our three colleagues well deserve this recognition.

I also would like to recognize two new colleagues from the industrial sector, who have accepted our invitation to join the Society. Dr. Chris Cross, Rio Tinto and Dr. Kevin Tukwell, Minerals Councils of Australia, have been tremendous supporters of mining education and are involved in numerous initiatives pertaining to our mission and goals through their company and organizations.

This newsletter, identified as Number 27, serves as an update of the many new efforts and initiatives pertaining to our Society.

1. As explained in the July 2005 newsletter (number 26), the Society had a very successful Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Ankara, Turkey. Many thanks to our colleague Prof. Pasamehmetoglou for organizing an excellent program, including wonderful site visits, for the Society.
2. During the Ankara meeting, the Society completed its work on the revised constitution and mission statement, which was enthusiastically received and officially approved by the members. At the same time, through the efforts of our colleague Prof. de Ruiter, the Articles of Association of the Society have been approved and the Society has now a legal home in The Netherlands.
3. With the effort of our colleague Prof. Agioutantis, the web page of the Society has been redesigned and can be accessed at [www.mineprofs.org](http://www.mineprofs.org). A feature of this website is that it has a **Members Only** area, where the members can view membership information, update personal data and review minutes of council and AGM meetings. The other areas of the website are open to the public in order to allow visibility and exposure of the Society, its missions and accomplishments to the general public.
4. On the website you will also find, updated information on various Society Committees, the final versions of the Constitution and Articles of Association, and much other useful information on the Society and its activities. If you would like to add an item to the web site please provide the information to Prof. de Ruiter.
5. Prof. de Ruiter is conducting a second mailing, as mandated by our constitution, to members who have not yet responded, to ascertain whether they wish to remain in the Society. We will follow all rules regarding notification and the final membership list will be updated and become available on the website.
6. A campaign has been initiated by Council members, to recruit potential Society members around the globe. In order to facilitate this process, a special nomination/application form has been developed and is available in the website. I am also attaching the form to this letter, for your review. Any member wishing to nominate a colleague for membership should use this new form and process.

7. Following the Ankara meeting, and thanks to the efforts and leadership of Prof. Pasamehmetoglou, the Society is ready to re-launch the Mineral Resources Engineering Journal. In order to ensure sustainability of the Journal, it is extremely important that all members show their support by forwarding papers for publication to Prof. Pasamehmetoglou.
8. We are looking forward to the 2006 Annual General Meeting in Kosice, Slovak Republic. The tentative date for that meeting is June 17-22, 2006. Prof. Rybar, our 2005-2006 President, will soon confirm the meeting dates. A tentative outline of the Kosice program was already presented in Ankara and was included in the previous newsletter.
9. In the next few months, Prof. de Ruiter and myself will work with Prof. Rybar, as well as with our colleague Prof. Pavlovic who is our President-Elect, to complete planning of the technical program for the next meeting.
10. You may recall that our AGM in 2003 was held in the Island of Milos, Greece and in conjunction with the 1<sup>st</sup> Conference on Sustainable Development Indicators in the Minerals Industry (SDIMI 2003) that unveiled the **Milos Declaration** of Sustainable Development. This initiative provided considerable visibility and exposure to the Society, and the contributions of the SOMP to this topic and the concept of the declaration were well recognized. You may note that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference in this series (SDIMI 2007) is now scheduled again on Milos, June 17-20, 2007. More information can be found at [www.sdimi.org](http://www.sdimi.org). We will work with Prof. Pavlovic, to ensure that our AGM in 2007 in Belgrade can complement the dates and the theme of SDIMI 2007.

In closing, please ensure that your personal information is correct, as it appears on the membership list on the website. If you have any difficulties in accessing your information, please inform Prof. de Ruiter at [J.J.deRuiter@CiTG.TUdelft.NL](mailto:J.J.deRuiter@CiTG.TUdelft.NL)

My best wishes for a successful and productive 2005/06 academic year.

Sincerely

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