



Society of Mining Professors Societät der Bergbaukunde

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News and Progress of the SOMP by the Secretary General
(For comments or questions please contact: mkarmis@vt.edu)

On behalf of the Society, I would like to wish all Members a Happy and Prosperous 2006.

This newsletter, identified as Number 28, serves to inform members with recent developments, progress on various initiatives and other Society news.

2006 Annual General Meeting

Arrangements for the 17th Annual General Meeting in 2006 are progressing well. The Society President, Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General met in Italy on January 7 and 8, 2006 to develop final arrangements and plans. The meeting will be held in Kosice, Slovak Republic from Saturday June 17, 2006 until Monday, June 19, 2006. Field trips and historical mining tours will be held on Tuesday, June 20 and Wednesday June 21, 2006. The first announcement of the meeting will be circulated to the members in few weeks. In the mean time, please mark your calendars and plan to attend. A feature of the meeting will be a memorial visit to Sklene Teplice, the original meeting place of the Society in 1786. You may consider flying to Kocise, via connecting flights from Prague, Zurich or Budapest (the latter is also is short distance, about three hours, by car).

All Society Committees have already been contacted to develop programs on their assigned responsibilities and interest areas that can be presented to the membership at the Annual General Meeting. Members who have other suggestions or recommendations for the technical program of the Annual Meeting should contact the General Secretary promptly.

For convenience, the membership fee (40Euros-Members; 20 Euros Retired Members; No Fee- Emeritus Members), that also includes subscription to the Mineral Resources Engineering Journal, will be integrated for convenience to the meeting registration fee.

New Society Members

Congratulation to the new Society Members, elected during the last semester:

- Prof. Zhenfu Luo, School of Chem. Eng. & Tech, China University of Mining & Technology, China;
- Prof. Matsui Kikuo, Dept. of Earth Resources Engineering, Kyushu University, Japan;
- Prof. Peter A Lilly, Director, Western Australian School of Mines Australia;
- Assoc. Professor David Laurence, School of Mining Engineering, University of New South Wales, Australia
- Assoc. Professor Mku Ityokumbul, Mineral Processing and GeoEnvironmental Eng., Penn State, USA;
- Dr. Larry Thomas, Director, Dargo Associates Ltd - International Coal Consulting Company, Great Britain

MRE Journal

Thanks to the work of our colleague, Prof. Gunhan Pasamehmetoglu, the final version of the web site for the MRE is completed, and is available on-line at <http://www.mre.atilim.edu.tr/>. The Journal will be available in a printed form as well as on-line. There will be four issues a year, namely: Jan-March, April-June, July-September and October-December. All SOMP

members will receive, as part of their membership, a hard copy of each issue and will also be given access to the on-line version.

Libraries of Universities around the world with mining/mineral engineering related departments/programs will receive hard copies of MRE free of charge. At this stage, no free on-line membership is considered to these institutions.

All members are strongly encouraged to consider publishing in the MRE Journal. Submission of papers can be forwarded by e-mail to the Editor-in-Chief at gunhan@atilim.edu.tr. Further information for manuscript preparation can be found at the official MRE website at: <http://www.mre.atilim.edu.tr>.

2007 Annual General Meeting

The 18th Annual General Meeting of the Society in 2007 will be held in Belgrade under the Presidency of our colleague Prof. Pavlovic. More details regarding this meeting will be made available to the members at the Kosice 2006 Meeting. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, an effort will be made to coordinate the 18th Annual General Meeting with the 3rd Conference on Sustainable Development Indicators in the Minerals Industry (SDIMI 2007) that is scheduled to be held on Milos, Greece, on June 17-20, 2007. More information on SDIMI can be found at www.sdimi.org. We will coordinate efforts to ensure that our AGM in 2007 can complement the dates and the theme of SDIMI 2007.

Call for 2008 and 2009 Annual General Meetings

In order to facilitate the planning of the Society, a call has been issued for proposals to host the 2008 and 2009 Annual General Meetings. The deadline for receiving responses is May 1, 2006. Those responding should provide a brief justification and a tentative program plan. It is anticipated that final decisions will be made at the 2006 Meeting in Kosice.

Website Updates

The website is continuously updated and upgraded to reflect the needs of the Member and to ensure that all appropriate information is included. Members are encouraged to submit comments, questions or suggestions to improve the web site to our colleague Prof. Zach Agioutantis at zach@mred.tuc.gr

Membership Statistics

A review the Society files for the past years revealed the collection of more than 130 names, although only a select number of those individuals were active in the society by participating in meeting and discussions of interest to our mission, or even responding to letters and e-mails. In an effort to identify the active members, and as dictated by our constitution, the Deputy Secretary General, has been contacting by email and letter all persons registered as potential members in past records to explore their interest to remain active in the Society.

At this point, I am pleased to report that, as of the writing of this Newsletter, the active list of Members is approaching 80. The Deputy Secretary General will continue to contact those who have not responded and, in some cases, the help of active Members has been solicited to ensure that all potential members are properly contacted.

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
My best wishes for a successful and productive 2006.

Sincerely,



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