



Society of Mining Professors Societät der Bergbaukunde

The 2009-2010 Council

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 - **Prof. Yevgeni Kuzmin, Moscow State Mining University, Russia**

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News and Progress of the SOMP from 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 2009!

This newsletter, Number 35 in the series, serves to inform members of developments and progress on various SOMP initiatives, to provide an update on the 2009 Annual General Meeting and to present other important society initiatives and news.

2009 Annual General Meeting

The 20th Annual General Meeting of The Society of Mining Professors / Societät der Bergbaukunde was held in Sydney, Australia, June 27-July 5, 2009. The meeting was extremely successful and offered a great opportunity to visit world class mining operations. An important aspect of the technical program was a road mapping exercise lead by President Hebblewhite. The results of this effort have been summarized in a brief report that will be forwarded separately to the Members in a few days. The report includes initiatives and action items into the future.

Additional information, including the final program of the meeting, activities and events and all the presentations delivered during the formal sessions, can be found on the web site at http://www.mineprofs.org/info/annual_meetings/2009/. The business session agenda and supporting information can also be found at http://www.mineprofs.org/info/annual_meetings/2009/SOMP-09-General-Karmis.pdf

In addition to the general meeting information, Society members can preview the official minutes of the meeting by linking to the Members only section (i.e., access site at <http://www.iidesk.nl/somp/> enter username and password and login to the Members only section; at the top of that page, click on the link “here” below the first line).

Report of the 2008-2009 Membership Committee

The Membership drive undertaken by the Society to recruit new members during the 2008-2009 year included contacts by the regional representatives, advertising via the website, SOMP exposure at major mining meetings (SME Annual Meeting 2009, IASMIN), international visits by the Secretary General and Officers of the Society and nominations by SOMP Members. The 2008/09 membership campaign resulted into the election of 18 new members and two Junior members listed below (the nominating SOMP member is in parentheses):

1. Prof. Helmut Mischo, Dep. of Civil Engineering (fut. Mining Engineering), Namibia University of Science and Technology, Namibia (de Ruiter).
2. Prof. Bern Klein, Associate Professor and Department Head, Norman B. Keevil Institute of Mining Engineering, University of British Columbia, Canada (Karmis)
3. Assoc. Prof. José Soeiro Carvalho, Associate Professor, Department of Mining Engineering (FEUP), University of Oporto, Portugal (Karmis)
4. Prof. Vladimir SLIVKA, Dean of Faculty and Professor, Institute of Geological Engineering VSB - TU OSTRAVA, Czech Republic (Bauer)
5. Prof. Vlastimil HUDEČEK, Professor, Institute of Mining Engineering and Safety VSB - TU OSTRAVA, Czech Republic (Bauer)
6. Assoc. Prof. Milan MIKOLÁŠ, Associate Professor, Institute of Mining Engineering and Safety, VSB - TU OSTRAVA, Czech Republic (Bauer)
7. Dr. Patrick J Foster, Senior Lecturer in Mining Engineering, Camborne School of Mines, University of Exeter, UK (de Ruiter)

8. Dr. Pinyo Meechumna, Head, Department of Mining and Petroleum Engineering, Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand (Karmis)
9. Dr. Cemal Balci, Assistant Professor, Mining Engineering Department, Istanbul Technical University, Turkey (Ciccu)
10. Dr. Peter Knights, BMA Chair and Professor of Mining Engineering, University of Queensland, Australia (Hood)
11. Dr. Ian Lowndes, Associate Professor and Reader, University of Nottingham, England (Cross)
12. Dr. Jürgen Brune, Director, NIOSH Spokane Research Laboratory, USA (Karmis)
13. Dr. Andreas Seeliger, Head and Professor of the Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Machine Design, RWTH Aachen, Germany (Martens)
14. Mrs. Bahareh Asi, Senior Mining Engineer Kavoshgaran Consulting Engineers, Tehran, Iran (Rashidinejad)-Associate Member
15. Mr. Duncan Chalmers, Senior Lecturer, School of Mining Engineering, University of New South Wales, Australia (Hebblewhite)
16. Dr. Serkan Saydam, Senior Lecturer, School of Mining Engineering, University of New South Wales, Australia (Hebblewhite)
17. Dr. Rudrajit Mitra, Lecturer, School of Mining Engineering, University of New South Wales, Australia (Hebblewhite)
18. Prof. Frederick T. Cawood, Professor of Mine Surveying, School of Mining Engineering University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa (Phillips)

Junior members:

1. Veiko Karu, Teaching Assistant, Department of Mining, Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia (Valgma)—Junior Member (Valgma)
2. Aire Västriik, Teaching Assistant, Department of Mining, Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia (Valgma)—Junior Member (Valgma)

Congratulations to the new members. With the addition of the colleagues above, the Society has 177 active members at the close of the 20th Annual General Meeting. The membership represents about 70 Mining Engineering departments in 40 different countries.

During the Council and the AGM Business meetings, the role of the Council and in particular of the regional representatives, in promoting the Society and recruiting new members was discussed. In addition, it is important for individual SOMP members to be active in nominating colleagues to Society membership. At the discussion it was also noted that there is a need to attract younger colleagues and encourage participation from institutions and countries currently unrepresented at SOMP.

Announcement of the 2010 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The 21th Annual General Meeting will be held in Tallinn, Estonia, under the leadership of Prof. Ingo Valgma. The meeting will be hosted by the Tallinn University of Technology, June 18 to 22, 2010, Tallinn, Estonia (see http://www.mineprofs.org/info/annual_meetings/2009/SOMP-10-Program.pdf). Preliminary information and program will be forwarded to all members soon.

Announcement of the 2011 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The 22nd Annual AGM will be held in Arequipa, Peru, under the Presidency of Prof. Cedron, in September 2011(see http://www.mineprofs.org/info/annual_meetings/2009/SOMP-11-Program.pdf). This AGM will be held in conjunction with the 2011 Peruvian Mining Convention and Expo. The latter event is one of the largest world-wide and will provide a unique

opportunity for SOMP members to participate and become familiar with Latin American mining.

Treasurer's Report

The fiscal affairs of the Society were reviewed and discussed at the meeting in Sydney and full information on current and expected balance sheets was included in the meeting information and can also be found in the AGM minutes

(http://www.mineprofs.org/info/annual_meetings/2009/SOMP-09-General-Karmis.pdf).

SOMP provided financial support to the 20th Annual Meeting towards reduced registration rate for younger members.

Mineral Resources Engineering Journal

The Society would like to recognize the tireless efforts of Prof. Pasamehmetoglu to re-establish and direct the publication of the MRE journal. In the last two years, the Chief Editor of the journal has expressed concerns over the quality and number of submitted papers and the interest of members to publish in MRE. The topic was discussed in detail at the AGM meeting and the Secretary General has committed to develop alternatives that can sustain or at least recognize the history of the journal. A report to the members will be submitted in a few weeks, outlining options and recommendations.

SOMP Committees and Membership Development

At the Sydney meeting, Members discussed the committee structure of the Society and the need to have members joining and actively participating in the existing Committees. New possible appointments to enhance and expand the Council and the committees were also discussed. It was also affirmed that the Membership Development Committee should be the vehicle for attracting new and younger members to the Society.

The Secretary General has followed recommendations after the Sydney meeting and is pleased to report that both Council and Committees have been enriched with new members (see http://www.mineprofs.org/somp_commit.htm). The Council members for the 2009-10 year are listed in the front of this Newsletter. The revised committee membership is as follows:

Membership Committee:

- Prof. Michael Karmis, Virginia Tech, USA, *Coordinator*
- Prof. Bruce Hebblewhite, University of New South Wales, Australia
- Prof. Ingo Valgma, Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia
- Prof. Mario Cedron Lassus, Universidad Catolica del Peru, Peru
- Assoc. Prof. Hans de Ruitter, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands

Research and Development Committee:

- Prof. Peter Knights, University of Queensland, Australia, *Coordinator*
- Prof. Michael Hood, University of Queensland, Australia
- Prof. Per Nicolai Martens, RWTH Aachen, Germany,
- Prof. Sevket Durucan, Imperial College, United Kingdom
- Prof. Jan Palarski, Gliwice University of Technology, Poland
- Prof. Oliver Langefeld, TU Claustal, Germany
- Prof. Bern Klein, University of British Columbia, Canada
- Prof. Christoph Dauber, TFH Georg Agricola, Germany
- Dr. Jurgen F. Brune, NIOSH, USA.

Education Committee:

- Prof. Bruce Hebblewhite, University of New South Wales, Australia, *Coordinator*
- Assoc. Prof. Hans de Rooter, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands
- Prof. Huw Phillips, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa
- Prof. Malcolm Scoble, University of British Columbia, Canada
- Prof. Mario Cedron Lassus, Universidad Catolica del Peru, Peru
- Prof. Viliam Bauer, Kosice University of Technology, Slovak Republic
- Assoc. Prof. Juri-Rivaldo Pastarus, Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia
- Prof. Pinyo Meechumna, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand

Industry Committee:

- Prof. Monika Hardygora, Wroclaw University of Technology and President, KGHM CUPRUM, Poland, *Coordinator*
- Dr. Chris Cross, President, The Mineral Industry Research Organisation (MIRO), United Kingdom
- Prof. Yevgeni Kuzmin, Moscow State Mining University, Russia
- Prof. George Panagiotou, National Technical University of Athens, Greece
- Prof. Pekka Särkkä, Helsinki University of Technology, Finland
- Prof. Uday Kumar, Luleå University of Technology, Sweden
- Prof. Jim Galvin, University of New South Wales, Australia
- Dr. Corina Hebestreit, Euromines, Belgium
- Prof. Wijnand Dalmijn, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands
- Prof. Hermann Wotruba, RWTH Aachen, Germany

Membership Development Committee:

- Assoc. Prof. Vladislav Kecojevic, The Pennsylvania State University, USA, *Coordinator*
- Prof. Ingo Valgma, Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia
- Dr. Farshad Rashidinejad, Science and Research Campus, IAU, Iran
- Prof. Marina Peshkova, Moscow State Mining University, Russia
- Prof. Roger J. Thompson, Curtin University, Australia
- Dr. Ronny Webber-Youngman, University of Pretoria, South Africa
- Dr. Serkan Saydam, University of New South Wales, Australia
- Dr. Rudrajit Mitra, University of New South Wales, Australia
- Dr. Theodore Michalakopoulos, National Technical University of Athens, Greece
- Prof. Derek Apel, University of Alberta, Canada

Honorifics Committee:

- Prof. C. Timothy Shaw, Imperial College, *Coordinator*
- Prof. Günter Fettweis, Montanuniversität Leoben, Austria
- Prof. Ludwig Wilke, TU Berlin, Germany

Nominations for 2012 and 2013 Proposed Annual General Meetings (Subject to Membership Approval)

It is the SOMP policy that proposals for hosting an Annual Meeting and assuming the role of Society President must be communicated to the Secretary General in writing prior to the Annual Meeting conferring ratification and approval. It is a pleasure to announce receipt of formal proposals for the 23rd (2012) and 24th (2013) Annual SOMP meetings.

- Subject to approval by the AGM, the **23rd Annual General Meeting in 2012** will be held in Wroclaw at the Wroclaw University of Technology, Poland and will be organized by Prof. Monika Hardygora.
- Similarly, the **24th Annual General Meeting in 2013** will be held in Greece, hosted by the Technical University of Crete, and will be organized by Prof. Zach Agioutantis

The membership will vote on these meetings at the Annual Meeting in Tallinn, June 2010.

In addition, the Technical University of Crete will also host the **2013 Conference on Sustainable Development Indicators in the Minerals Industry (SDIMI)**, in conjunction with the 24th Annual General Meeting.

Website Updates

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

Please insure that your personal information is correct as it appears on the membership list on the website. In addition to the general meeting information, members can also preview the official minutes of the AGMs by linking to the “Members Only” section. If you have any difficulties accessing your information or the “Members Only” section, please inform Prof. de Ruitter at: J.J.deRuitter@tudelft.nl

Best wishes,



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