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  - Prof. Günter Fettweis, Montanuniversitat Leoben, Austria
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News and Progress of the SOMP from the Secretary General
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This newsletter, Number 37 in the series, serves to provide a report on the 2011 Annual General Meeting (AGM), including discussions and action items on a number of topics. Therefore, it should also be considered as the official minutes of the AGM. In addition, the newsletter also includes information on developments and progress of SOMP initiatives, decisions on future Annual General Meetings and discussion on other important society initiatives and news.

2011 Annual General Meeting
The 22nd Annual General Meeting of The Society of Mining Professors / Societät der Bergbaukunde was held in Arequipa, Peru, September 12-15, 2011. The meeting was extremely successful and was attended by more than 40 participants representing 18 countries.

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/2011/.
The business session agenda and supporting information can also be found at http://www.mineprofs.org/info/annual_meetings/2011/SOMP-11-General-business_meeting.pdf

Report of the 2010-2011 Membership Committee
The membership drive undertaken by the Society to recruit new members during the 2010-2011 year included contacts by the regional representatives, advertising via the website, SOMP exposure at major mining meetings (SME Annual Meeting 2011, IASMIN), international visits by the Secretary General and Officers of the Society and nominations by SOMP members. The 2010/11 membership campaign resulted into the election of 13 new members listed below (the nominating SOMP member is in parentheses):

1. Prof. Godfrey Dzinomwa, Mining Engineering Dept., Polytechnic of Namibia, Namibia (Mischo)
2. Prof. Morteza Osanloo, Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum Department, Amirkabir University of Technology (Tehran Polytechnic), Iran (Kecojevic)
3. Dr. Steinar Ellefmo, Associate Professor, Dept of Geology and Mineral Resources Engineering, NTNU, Norway (Jakobsen)
4. Prof. Jacek Czaplicki, Dept. of Mining Engineering, Silesian University of Technology, Gliwice, Poland (Kecojevic)
5. Dr. Nuray Demirel, Assistant Professor, Mining Engineering Department, Middle East Technical University, Turkey (Kecojevic)
6. Prof. Christopher Bise, Chair of Mining Engineering, West Virginia University, USA (Karmis)
7. Prof. Mary M. Poulton, Director, Lowell Inst. for Mineral Resources and Head, Dept. of Mining and Geological Engineering, The University of Arizona, USA (Karmis)
8. Mrs. Elisabeth Clausen, Ph.D. Teaching Assistant, Institut für Bergbau, Clausthal University of Technology, Germany (Langefeld)
9. Alan Moss, General Manager - Copper Technology, Rio Tinto Copper Projects, Rio Tinto, Canada (du Ruiter)
10. Dr. Paul Hagan, Director - Undergraduate Studies, School of Mining Engineering, The University of New South Wales, Australia (Hebblewhite)
11. Dr. Vidal Torres, Researcher/Invited Professor, Technical University of Lisbon, Portugal (Karmis)
Congratulations to the new members. With the addition of the colleagues above, the Society numbers 138 active members at the close of the 22nd Annual General Meeting. The membership represents over 70 Mining Engineering departments in 40 different countries.

During the meeting, the Secretary General discussed the role of the council and in particular of the regional representatives, in promoting the Society and recruiting new members. The Society should undertake an effort to rotate council members on a regular basis to assure diversity and better representation of all global regions of the Society.

**Announcement of the 2012 Annual General Meeting (AGM)**
The 23rd Annual General Meeting will be held in the Wroclaw University of Technology, Poland, from 12-16 July, 2012. The 2012 AGM will be held under the presidency of Prof. Monika Hardygora, Wroclaw University of Technology (see [http://www.mineprofs.org/info/annual_meetings/2011/SOMP-12-Wroclaw.pdf](http://www.mineprofs.org/info/annual_meetings/2011/SOMP-12-Wroclaw.pdf)). Following the meeting, SOMP members will have an opportunity to participate in the 2012 International Copper Ore Mining Congress, 16-18 July, 2012, in Wroclaw, Poland (see the Congress link at [http://www.sitglubin-kongres.pl/](http://www.sitglubin-kongres.pl/))

**Announcement for the 2013 Annual General Meeting**
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. As a reminder, the location of the 23rd Annual General Meeting was approved at the Tallinn meeting in June 2010. The 24th Annual General Meeting in 2013 will be held on the island of Milos in Greece, June 26 to 29, 2013, and will be organized by Prof. Zach Agioutantis and hosted by the Technical University of Crete. The SOMP meeting will be followed, at the same location, with the SDIMI 2013 International Conference.

**Announcement for the 2014 Annual General Meeting**
At the Arequipa meeting, a proposal was presented by Assoc. Prof. Ronny Webber-Youngman of the University of Pretoria to host the 25th Annual General Meeting in 2014 in South Africa, with post-conference visit opportunities to other neighboring African countries. The proposal was approved and the tentative dates for this meeting will be announced soon.

**Request for the 2015 Annual General Meeting**
A request submitted by Prof. Carsten Drebenstedt, TU Bergakademie Freiberg, Germany, was discussed regarding the opportunity to hold the **26th Annual General Meeting in 2015** in Freiberg, in conjunction with the celebration of 250 years since the University was established, in 1765. The members are very supportive of this request and look forward to receiving a brief proposal from Freiberg from the colleague who would be leading this effort. It is anticipated that the membership can properly vote on this proposal at the next AGM.
Options for Future AGMs past 2015
During the business session of the Arequipa meeting there was significant interest in hosting future AGM meetings in Southeast Asia (Thailand) and the USA. These options will be discussed and finalized in the future.

Treasurer’s Report
The fiscal affairs of the Society were reviewed and discussed at the meeting in Arequipa and full information on current and expected balance sheets was included in the meeting information and can also be found in the AGM Business presentation (http://www.mineprofs.org/info/annual_meetings/2011/SOMP-11-General-business_meeting.pdf).

Mineral Resources Engineering Journal
The MRE journal was successfully incorporated into Mining Technology, Section A of the Transactions of the Institutions of Mining and Metallurgy (thanks to the suggestion and assistance of our colleague Prof. Peter Dowd!!). Mining Technology was created by merging the Proceedings of the AusIMM with the Transactions of the IMM (now IMMM), see http://www.ausimm.com.au/content/default.aspx?ID=103. With this merger, three SOMP members where selected to serve on the Editorial Board - - Prof. Oliver Langefeld (TU Clausthal, Germany), Assoc. Prof. Vlad Kecojevic (WVU, USA) and Prof. Zach Agioutantis (TU Crete, Greece). They will join one more SOMP member, Prof. P. Mousset-Jones (UN, Reno), who already is serving as a member of that board.

With their SOMP Membership Fee, members receive online access to the Transactions (no hard copy) through the Members-Only section of the SOMP Website (for questions on access please contact Prof. de Ruiter at J.J.deRuiter@tudelft.nl)

SOMP Committees and Membership Development
The Secretary General has followed recommendations from the Arequipa meeting and is pleased to report that both Council and Committees have been augmented with new members (see http://www.mineprofs.org/somp_commit.htm). The Council members for the 2011-12 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. Mario Cedron Lassus, Universidad Catolica del Peru, Peru
- Prof. Monika Hardygora, Wroclaw University of Technology and President, KGHM CUPRUM, Poland
- Prof. Zach Agioutantis, Technical University of Crete, Greece
- Assoc. Prof. Hans de Ruiter, Delft University of Technology, The Netherlands

Research and Development Committee
- Prof. Peter Knights, University of Queensland, Australia, Coordinator
- Prof. Per Nicolai Martens, RWTH Aachen, Germany
- Prof. Jan Palarski, Gliwice University of Technology, Poland
- Prof. Bernhard Klein, University of British Columbia, Canada
- Prof. Christoph Dauber, TFH Georg Agricola, Germany
- Dr. Jurgen F. Brune, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, USA
- Prof. Roussos Dimitrakopoulos, McGill University, Canada
- Assoc. Prof. Dimitre Antonov, South Dakota School of Mines, USA
• Assist. Prof. Pål Drevland Jakobsen, The Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway
• Prof. Mary M. Poulton, The University of Arizona, USA

Education Committee
• Prof. Bruce Hebblewhite, University of New South Wales, Australia, Coordinator
• Assoc. Prof. Hans de Ruiter, 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. Mary M. Poulton, The University of Arizona, USA
• Prof. Oliver Langefeld, Technische Universität Clausthal, Germany
• Mrs. Elisabeth Clausen, Technische Universität Clausthal, Germany
• Dr. Emily Sarver, Virginia Tech, USA
• Dr. Mike Buxton, Delft, University of Technology, The Netherlands

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
• Assoc. Professor Steinar Ellefmo, NTNU, Norway
• Alan Moss, Rio Tinto, Canada

Membership Development Committee
• Assoc. Prof. Vladislav Kecojevic, West Virginia 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
• Assoc. Prof. 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

Capacity Development Committee
• Prof. David Lawrence, University of New South Wales, Australia, Coordinator
• Prof. Pinyo Meechumna, Chulalongkorn University, Thailand
• Prof. Jurgen Kretschmann, TFH-Bochum, Germany
• Prof. Helmut Mischo, Namibia University of Science and Technology, Namibia
Honorifics Committee

• Prof. C. Timothy Shaw, Imperial College, Coordinator
• Prof. Günter Fettweis, Montanuniversitat Leoben, Austria
• Prof. Ludwig Wilke, TU Berlin, Germany

SOMP Members interested to participate in one of the above technical committees should contact the Secretary General.

Update of the SOMP Roadmap

The last session of the Arequipa meeting was devoted to updating the strategic document and SOMP Roadmap. Prof. Bruce Hebblewhite, led the discussion and a number of recommendations and action items were proposed and developed. The Roadmap will be updated in accordance to these discussions and will be soon circulated to the members and posted to the website.

Specific items from these discussions include:

✓ SOMP is assuming global leadership in developing education surveys of the mining schools around the world. Instead of the traditional way of collecting information via questionnaires, SOMP will develop a dedicated survey tool on its website where institutions can directly input and update their information. This capability will allow a more complete response to the surveys and continuous updating.

✓ SOMP should encourage younger colleagues and senior postgraduate students interested in entering academia to attend the annual meetings. To expedite this, it is recommended that poster sessions are included during the AGM aimed specifically at these groups.

✓ SOMP should prepare a generic presentation on its history, mission and activities that members can use for outreach and other presentations to the public.

✓ SOMP should encourage the development of regional meetings. These meetings would enhance and expand the reach of SOMP beyond the traditional AGM opportunities.

✓ SOMP members should take advantage of electronic networking to exchange ideas, foster cooperation and expand educational and research opportunities.

New SOMP Award – The Günter Fettweis Award for Excellence

The "Günter Fettweis Award for Excellence", in recognition of Prof. Fettweis’ contributions to the profession and for his efforts and leadership in rejuvenating the Society, was approved at the Tallinn AGM. It was decided to recognize the first recipient of this award during the next AGM in Poland and, hopefully, have the award presented by Prof. Fettweis himself.

Website Updates

The website is continually 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 Ruiter at: J.J.deRuiter@tudelft.nl.
SOMP Leadership Succession and Plans for the Future
The Secretary General noted that SOMP has accomplished a number of objectives during the past 10 years in the following areas:

- **Membership** (e.g., number of members, member demographics, regional representation, participation by younger colleagues)
- **Annual Meetings** (e.g., content, format, regional presence, location)
- **Programs** (e.g., partnerships, interdisciplinary/joint initiatives, best practices, promoting discipline and pride)
- **Strategic Documents** (e.g., strategic plans with goals, directions and a continuous improvement process)

Looking forward, and as noted in the Sydney Roadmap (2009) “SOMP needs to be more than an informal network that meets once per year...we should develop goals and action items that can be pursued by the membership via our Council and Committee structure”. Challenges and opportunities on enhancing membership recruitment and development, expanding and enriching future AGMs, creating strategic partnerships within institutions and industry and, simply, staying in the academic forefront, all require that SOMP must not stay still but instead, continuously update and rejuvenate to expands the Society reach and relevance. To accomplish this we need to look forward to the changing of the guard and a Leadership Succession Plan. To expedite this, the Secretary General and the Deputy Secretary General, and Treasurer have initiated a nomination process to fill these positions in the near future, in a way that promotes an orderly succession of leadership for SOMP. Nominations have already been received and Members are encouraged to provide additional nominations directly to the Secretary General. At this point, the Society plans to offer recommendations for the new SOMP leadership team presented for approval at the next AGM in Poland.

Best wishes,

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