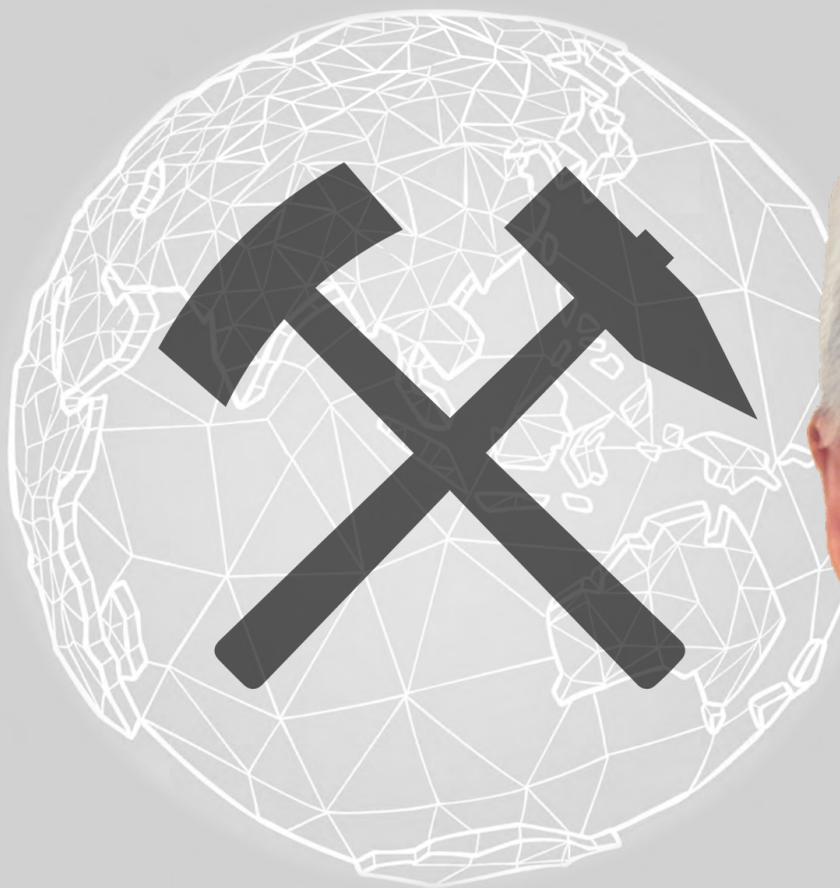


Why SOMP matters – Voices of the Community

Understanding the impact of extraction and processing of mineral resources on people and how they live, and our natural environment, is of the critical importance for the industry.



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How has the SOMP community influenced your career or research?

The SOMP community has had a **tremendous impact on my career**, I have had an opportunity to meet and work with mining academics from around the globe. I have very much been **influenced by the icons and role models** in the SOMP.

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“Why is international collaboration crucial for the mining industry?”

Mining industry is a global industry, and it addresses **global challenges**. It is a complex industry that spans across variety of engineering, social, science and business fields. Driving innovations and sustainability of the industry requires the **engagement and collaboration beyond local and national borders.**

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Why should mining professionals not miss SOMP 2025 in Aachen?

SOMP conference in Aachen is not just one more technical conference. Quite contrary, the meeting in Aachen will continue the tradition of previous SOMP gatherings with panel discussions, interactive workshops and presentations that will cover **innovations in education, research, membership development and capacity building**. All these activities are designed to benefit all SOMP members. I am particularly excited about our traditional **awards ceremony in the historical Coronation Hall of Aachen's Town Hall**.

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