

Why SOMP matters – Voices of the Community

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“What does SOMP mean to you?”

SOMP is a fantastic network of people, whom I'm happy to call both **colleagues and friends.**

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Why is international collaboration crucial for the mining industry?

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Which topics or discussions are you most excited about?

I am always inspired by seeing how my colleagues are working their students, industry partners and home institutions. I look forward to **sharing best practices and bringing new ideas home with me.**

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