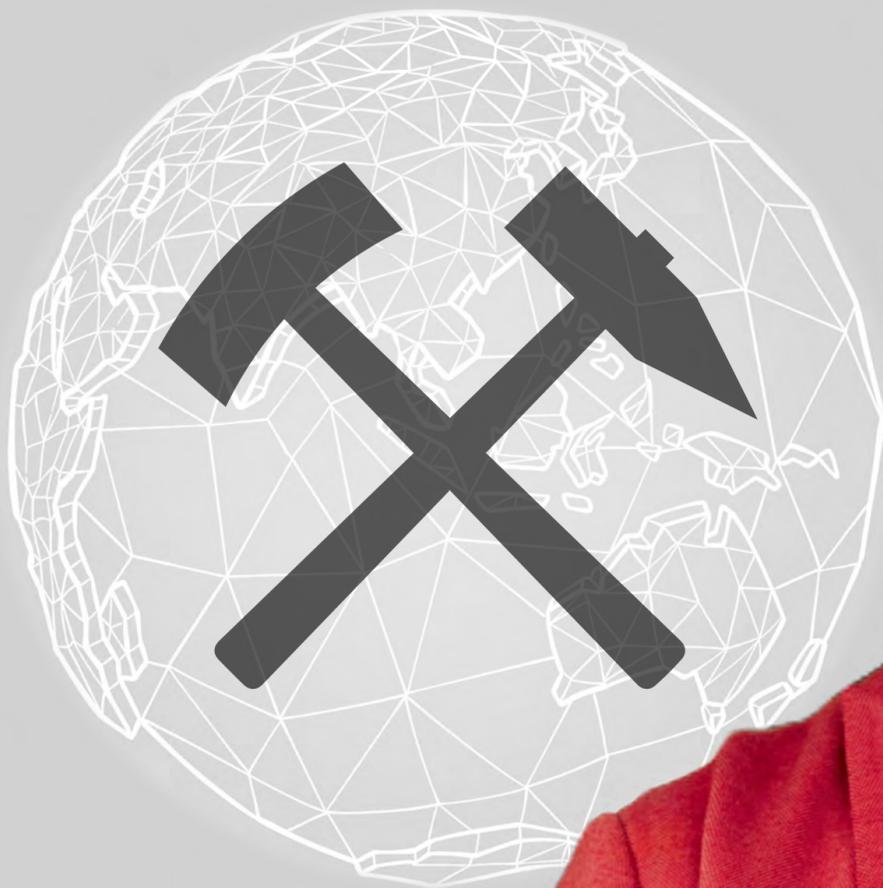


Why SOMP matters – Voices of the Community

Mining Professors and professionals shouldn't miss SOMP 2025 in Aachen because it brings together global experts to explore the future of sustainable mining and academic-industry collaboration.



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“How has the SOMP community influenced your career or research?”

SOMP means being part of a **global family of mining scholars** committed to shaping the **future of the industry** through collaboration, innovation, and education. The SOMP community has broadened my academic network, inspired interdisciplinary research, and reinforced the value of sustainable mining practices.

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

The future of mining is being shaped by increasing automation, environmental responsibility, and a shift toward critical raw materials essential for the **green transition**.

International collaboration is crucial for **sharing best practices** and **developing the Mining Technology, aligning sustainability goals**, and SOMP membership will boost the future development.

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Which topics or discussions are you most excited about?

I'm especially excited about discussions on **responsible resource management** and developing T-shaped professionals for the raw materials sector. With Aachen I have good memories, because it was my first SOMP AGM experience in 2008, where the **energy, openness, and shared passion for mining education & innovation left a lasting impact.**

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