



Society of Mining Professors
Societät der Bergbaukunde

2021 SOMP Annual Meeting and Conference
Medellin, Colombia
September 2021



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31st SOMP Annual Meeting and Conference
Hybrid (In person and Online)



Dear SOMP Members,

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I invite you to the Society of Mining Professors/Societät der Bergbaukunde Hybrid (In person and Online) Annual Meeting and Conference in Medellín, the industrial city of Colombia. The SOMP Annual Meeting and Conference is co-hosted by School of Mines at Universidad Nacional de Colombia and AIMC (Asociación de Profesionales del Sector Minero Colombiano – Colombian Mining Sector Professionals), under the guidance of our Secretary-General Professor Vlad Kecojevic, from West Virginia University, USA. We have planned several open and interactive sessions and workshops that will help us reach the goals set in our strategic plan and help our society excel in the future.

I hope that the next Annual Meeting that we will hold in the city of Medellín, Colombia, will be tremendously beneficial and fun for all members. That it is not just another international conference, but rather an unforgettable experience, accompanied by a technical content integrated with informative and practical forums and discussion panels, which cover our areas of greatest interest for future educational needs, research opportunities collaborative, member development and capacity development for new mining programs in different parts of the world. Finally, a great opportunity to establish contacts and develop long-term professional relationships.



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Due to the conditions that we have experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have decided to present the option for members to attend in person in the city of Medellin or virtually (online) from the comfort of their places of origin. We will have a differential rate for those who attend one way or the other, but everyone will have the opportunity to attend the meeting.

Preliminary Meeting and Conference Program

Saturday, September 18th, 2021	
Morning - Afternoon	Preconference Field trip (Optional)
Sunday, September 19th, 2021	
Morning - Afternoon	Preconference Field trip (Optional)
Monday, September 20th, 2021	
Morning - Afternoon	Preconference Field trip (Optional)
Tuesday, September 21st, 2021	
Morning	School of Mines Tour
Afternoon	Committees Meeting
Night	Welcome Cocktail
Wednesday, September 22nd, 2021	
Morning - Afternoon	Working Sessions
Night	Group gathering
Thursday, September 23rd, 2021	
Morning - Afternoon	Working Sessions
Night	Awards dinner
Friday, September 24th, 2021	
Morning	Working Session
Afternoon	Cultural session at School of Mines
Saturday, September 25th, 2021	
Morning - Afternoon	Postconference Field trip (Optional)

We look forward to greeting you in Medellin – Colombia. Best regards/Mit freundlichen Grüßen und Glückauf

Prof. Oscar Jaime Restrepo Baena 2019-2021 SOMP President
Prof. Vlad Kecojevic SOMP Secretary-General