



FINAL PROGRAM

| Monday 09.03.2026 (Optional Field Trip 1) | |
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| 09:00-09:30 | Pick up from hotels and meet at WASM main entrance |
| 09:30-11:30 | Visit to Super pit gold mine of Northern Star |
| 11:30-12:00 | Drive back to WASM |
| 12:00-13:30 | Lunch Break |
| 13:30-14:00 | Drive to Lynas from WASM main entrance |
| 14:00-15:00 | Visit Lynas Kalgoorlie Processing Plant |
| 15:00-16:30 | Drive back to hotels |

| Tuesday 10.03.2026 (Optional Field Trip 2) | |
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| 09:00-09:30 | Pick up from hotels and meet at WASM main entrance |
| 09:30-10:00 | Drive to Hannans North Tourist Mine |
| 10:00-12:00 | Visit to Hannans North Tourist Mine |
| 12:00-12:30 | Drive back to Kalgoorlie |
| 12:30-13:30 | Lunch Break |
| 13:30-13:45 | Walk to Goldfields Museum |
| 13:45-15:00 | Goldfields Museum |
| 15:00-15:15 | Walk/Drive back to hotels |
| 15:15-18:00 | Leisure time |
| 18:00-19:30 | Public lecture at AusIMM Kalgoorlie Branch (Country Club) ✓ Tactical Medical Mining Rescue - Closing the gap of professional medical attention in environments with difficult accessibility Helmut Mischo (TU Bergakademie Freiberg, Germany) |

| Wednesday 11.03.2026 (Industry Workshop) | |
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| 08:00-09:00 | Registrations |
| 09:00-09:05 | Opening of Industry Workshop George Barakos (WASM/Curtin University, Australia) |
| 09:05-09:35 | WA's Resources Sector – Powering the Goldfields Region Blessings Masuku (Chamber of Minerals and Energy, Australia) |
| 09:35-10:45 | Academia and industry collaboration in education Moderator: Bogale Tadesse (WASM/Curtin University, Australia) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Hub & Spokes model for Industry-Academia collaboration in mining Angel Maria Tobar Escudero (EPIROC, Spain) ✓ Resources Technology and Critical Minerals Trailblazer Rohan McDougall (Trailblazer, Curtin University, Australia) ✓ Mine Automation & New Technologies Unit: Towards modern mining curriculum Sandra Nowosad (WASM/Curtin University, Australia) ✓ Stakeholder collaboration: A case study of the School of Mining Engineering at the University of the Witwatersrand Tinashe Tholana (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa) ✓ Industry – Academia collaboration: A case study in Western Australia David Rose (KPMG, Australia) ✓ Optimising Industry-Aligned curriculum Sakshi Anderson (WASM/Curtin University, Australia) |
| 10:45-11:15 | Coffee/Tea break |
| 11:15-12:15 | Academia and Industry collaboration in research Moderator: Ping Chang (WASM/Curtin University, Australia) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Broadening NPV through a multi-criteria optimisation framework based on CRC TiME values Erkan Topal (WASM/ Curtin University, Australia) ✓ Industry- Academia collaboration in RFID assisted ore tracking and process optimisation Godfrey Dzinomwa (Namibia University of Science & Technology, Namibia) ✓ The interface of research and training a future workforce Laurence Dyer (WASM/ Curtin University, Australia) ✓ Innovation in mining heartland, toward addressing the boundless potential Laurence Dyer (WASM/ Curtin University, Australia) ✓ Digitalization in transitional mining operations for future mining, its opportunities and challenges Sana Mehmandoust (Clausthal University of Technology, Germany) |
| 12:15-13:45 | Lunch Break |
| 13:45-14:30 | “Garden of Mineral Resources” <i>Researchers’ interactions, discussions, and matchmaking</i> |
| 14:30-15:00 | Coffee/Tea Break |
| 15:00-16:30 | Interactive workshop Moderator: George Barakos (WASM/Curtin University, Australia) <i>Searching for collaboration opportunities & bottlenecks between academia, industry, government, society, Indigenous People and other stakeholders</i> |
| 17:45-18:00 | Meet at WASM main entrance to transfer to dinner location |
| 18:30-21:30 | Industry Sundowner Kalgoorlie Golf Course |
| 21:30-22:00 | Bus transfer back to hotels |

| Thursday 12.03.2026 (SOMP Regional Meeting Day 1) | |
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| 08:00-08:30 | Registrations |
| 08:30-09:00 | <p>Official Opening of the 15th Regional SOMP Meeting Moderators: S. Anderson, S. Nowosad, G. Barakos (WASM, Curtin University)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Welcome to the Country Tyrone Brownley (Aboriginal Liaison Advisor, GUDRH, Curtin University) ✓ Welcome to Curtin University Sarina Claassens (Deputy Provost, Curtin University) ✓ Welcome to the City of Kalgoorlie Boulder Glenn Wilson (Mayor, Kalgoorlie Boulder) |
| 09:00-10:00 | <p>An Overview of the Society of Mining Professors (SOMP) Moderator: SOMP Deputy Secretary: Serkan Saydam (UNSW, Australia)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Presentation of SOMP SOMP President: Emily Sarver (Virginia Tech, USA) ✓ Structure of the Society & Members' Benefits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Capacity Building Committee Godfrey Dzinonwa (Namibia) ✓ Education Committee Sandra Nowosad (Australia) ✓ Members Development Committee George Barakos (Australia) ✓ Mining & Minerals Programs Sustainability Emily Sarver (USA) ✓ Research & Development & Industry Committee Veiko Karu (Estonia) ✓ IT Committee Zach Agioutantis (USA) |
| 10:00-10:30 | Coffee/Tea Break |
| 10:30-12:00 | <p>Education & Research Status: Challenges and Innovations Moderator: Mohammadali Sepehri (WASM/Curtin University, Australia)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A curricula development model for sustainability literacy in mining degrees: Foundational sustainability education for the resource sector Michele John (CME, Curtin University, Australia) ✓ Strategic planning in mining engineering education: A case study of the school of Mining Engineering at the University of the Witwatersrand Bright Mutandwa (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa) ✓ Advancing mining and metallurgical education in Indonesia through global partnerships: The case of Institut Teknologi Bandung Zela Tanlega Ichlas (Institut Teknologi Bandung, Indonesia) ✓ Introduction to the current status of lithium-ion battery recycling technology development in South Korea Go Gi Lee (Research Institute of Industrial Science & Technology, S. Korea) ✓ Academic perspective on mining education in Sri Lanka Chulantha Jayawardena (University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka) ✓ From E-Waste to critical wealth: Recovery of critical minerals from secondary sources Sanjay Singh (IIT Patna, India) |
| 12:00-12:30 | <p>Engaged Student Learning Challenges and Strategies Danielle Thompson, Callum Sullivan (WASM/Curtin University, Australia)</p> |
| 12:30-13:30 | Lunch Break |
| 13:30-15:00 | <p>Student Engagement Workshop: Bridging the Generational Chasm Moderator: Sakshi Anderson (WASM/Curtin University, Australia)</p> |
| 15:00-16:00 | Kalgoorlie Campus Tour, Laboratories Visit & Group Photo |
| 18:00-21:30 | <p>Official Dinner Hannans Club</p> |

| Friday 13.03.2026 (SOMP Regional Meeting Day 2) | |
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| 09:00-10:30 | <p>Collection of Research Presentations</p> <p>Moderator: Michele John (CME, Curtin University, Australia)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Transforming mining through university–industry partnership: The ARC Research Hub for NextGenMIN Serkan Saydam (UNSW, Australia) ✓ Harnessing multi-criteria decision analysis for formalising artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM): A decision-science approach to unlocking sustainable value in ASM Tinotenda Tingini (University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa) ✓ Image analysis for monitoring post-mining rehabilitation in Sri Lanka Thiruchittampalam Sureka (University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka) ✓ Post-mining challenges for a sustainable development in mining regions Jürgen Kretschmann (WFEO, Germany) ✓ Understanding the challenges of residual risks for achieving circularity in mining Sakshi Anderson (WASM/Curtin University, Australia) ✓ Students short visit program to achieve mining and cultural exchanges Li Liu (Chongqing University, China) <p>Q&A (20 minutes) panel with all presenters</p> |
| 10:30-10:45 | Coffee/Tea Break |
| 10:45-12:15 | <p>“Wheel of Academia”</p> <p>Moderator: Sandra Nowosad (WASM/Curtin University, Australia)</p> <p><i>Interactive workshop to encourage reflection and prioritisation of future development, collaborations and engagement in research & education</i></p> |
| 12:15-12:30 | <p>Closing remarks</p> <p>Fairwell ceremony</p> <p>S. Anderson, S. Nowosad, G. Barakos (WASM/Curtin University, Australia)</p> |
| 12:30-14:00 | Lunch Break |
| End of program | |

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