SOMP MEMBERSHIP: YOUR KEY TO THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC NETWORK

Making it to the next level of your academic career requires the right network. With SOMP, you will be connected to the top global mining academics. These are some activities and benefits of being involved with SOMP:

• Networking opportunities and development of long-term professional relationships are unparalleled.

• Joint research and educational projects and other collaborative efforts among SOMP members are initiated at SOMP Annual and Regional Meetings. There have been more than 30 funded joint projects as the results of collaborative efforts among SOMP members.

• SOMP members are involved in academic capacity building in many developing countries, assisting with curriculum development and teaching, sharing innovative teaching technologies, and developing collaborative teaching models, innovative teaching and learning/assessment tools.

• SOMP members have co-authored peer-reviewed journal and conference papers, and they have made joint presentations at national and international conferences.

• There are numerous staff/faculty and students exchanges and visits, and referencing for promotion and tenure.

• SOMP junior faculty members are mentored by renowned SOMP members. SOMP Annual and Regional meetings have been beneficial for the junior members who have been able to land academic jobs.

• SOMP talents are supported to achieve their academic goals.

• SOMP Annual and Regional meetings are not just another international conference of multiple technical paper presentations, but rather the selected number of presentations, integrated with informative and practical discussion forums and panels covering our major interest areas of future education needs, collaborative research opportunities, members development, and capacity building for new mining programs.

• There are six major awards to recognize SOMP members for their accomplishments and excellence in education, research and professional service.

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