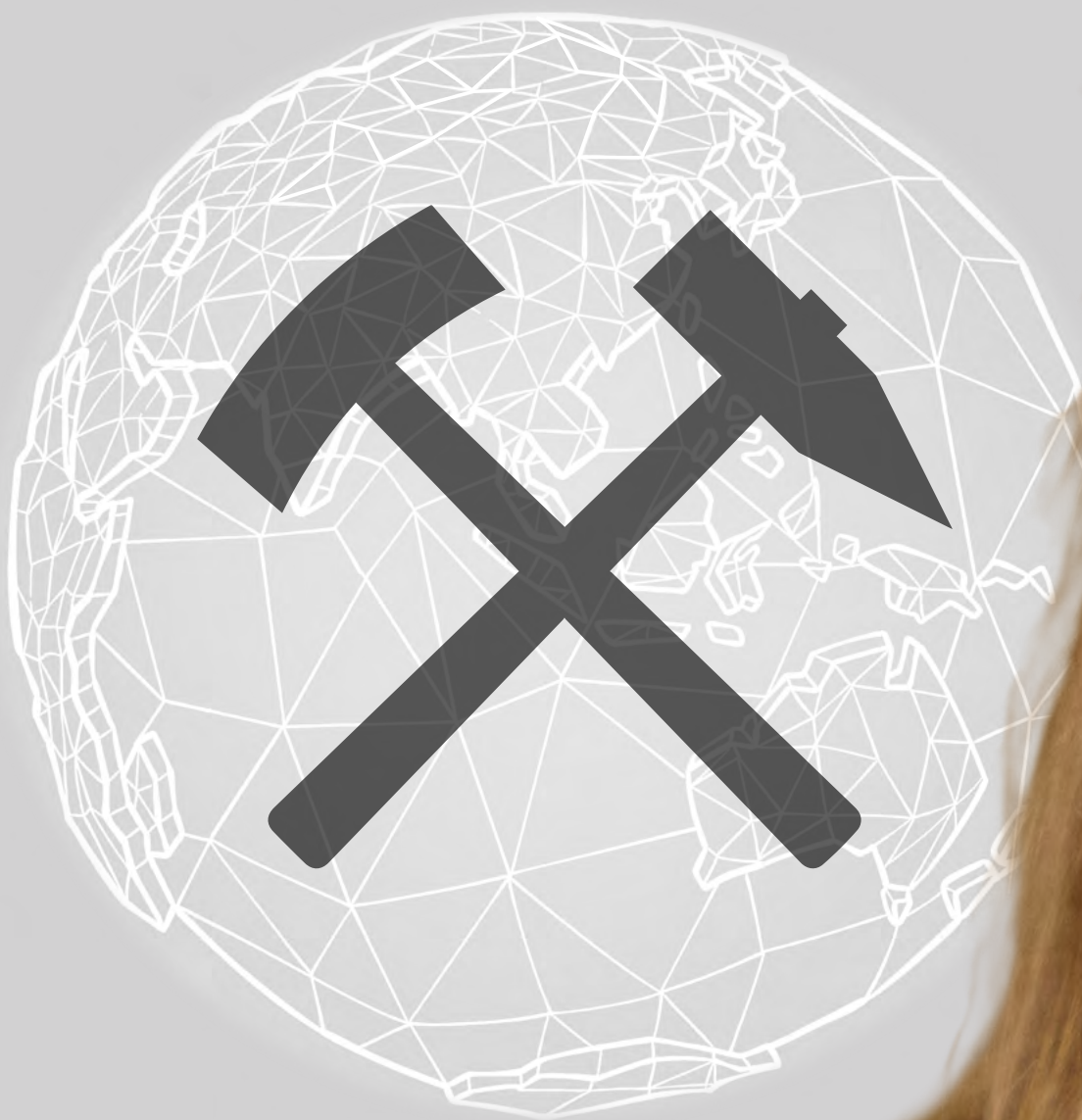


Why SOMP matters – Voices of the Community

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“What is your most memorable experience with SOMP?”

SOMP is **much more than just a scientific exchange**. When I look back to my first AGM in person in Namibia, I was immediately welcomed very warmly, even though I did not know anyone personally and I felt instantly as **part of the community**. This not only shows my most memorable experience with SOMP but also what SOMP means.

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“What can young professionals learn from being part of SOMP?”

Through the exchange with other scientists, SOMP opens up **new perspectives for young professionals** on the responsible supply of raw materials. In addition, young professionals can learn so much more than just the technical aspects, for example when it comes to their **personal development or shaping their career.**

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What makes Aachen a special location for this conference?

Aachen is the ideal location for the SOMP 2025 Conference because it combines **tradition and innovation**. Here in the Rhineland, we can look back on a **long history of mining**. Mining engineering was one of the first institutes founded at RWTH Aachen University. Even today, mining still plays a central role here in Aachen, where **modern technologies for innovative and responsible mining** are developed. In addition, Aachen's location in the heart of Europe symbolizes connection and collaboration across borders and thus also represents the idea of SOMP.

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