

A Word from the Mine Water Notes Editor

Our initiative to get new members during our 25th Anniversary Year has so far resulted in 48 new IMWA members, and we would like to welcome all of them! Remember the half price offer to new members only lasts for a few more months, so please encourage your friends, neighbours, and relatives (or at least your professional associates) to join.

In one of our last issues, we reported about the British CoSTaR project. Funding for people to spend time at the CoSTaR sites is now available (as of 1st May 2004) and the first fully-funded visitor just arrived. CoSTaR wants to hear from anyone else who would like to take advantage of the unique facilities, but it will be on a first-come, first-served basis! (e-mail: costar@ncl.ac.uk).

Chris Wolkersdorfer, Freiberg/Saxony

Mine Water 2004 – IMWA Symposium

Preparations are now well underway for “Mine Water 2004”, IMWA’s principal meeting of this year. The symposium will be held from 20th to 24th September in Newcastle Upon Tyne (UK), a lively city which was the historic birthplace of industrial-scale coal mining, as well as the refining and shipping port for what was once the world’s greatest lead-producing ore field. We have received over one hundred papers, rapid peer-review of which is underway as we write. Authors will likely have received their papers for finalisation by the time this issue reaches your desk – *Please return them promptly so we are able to get the proceedings published in time for the event.* Planning for the post-conference field tour is also well advanced, and if you are keen to attend this event, please do let the organisers know as soon as possible, as we need to have sufficient comfort about numbers to finalise bookings.

Contact: <http://imwa.2004.ncl.ac.uk>

William Plass Award for Bob Kleinmann

The American Society of Mining and Reclamation (ASMR), one of the world’s leading reclamation societies, recognized Bob Kleinmann for his outstanding work in the field of mine water reclamation.

The William T. Plass Award is the most prestigious award of the American Society of Mining and Reclamation and honours outstanding contributions in the areas of mining, teaching, research, and/or regulating authority as they relate to land reclamation. They are recognized nationally and internationally for their career contributions in the field.



Bob is one of thirteen colleagues and the first IMWA member who ever was awarded with the William Plass Award. I would like to congratulate Bob and wish him all the best for his future career.

Chris Wolkersdorfer, Freiberg/Saxony

Mine water contamination report delayed

The final report on a water contamination incident at the Ranger Uranium Mine, which is surrounded by Kakadu National Park, has been delayed. Energy Resources of Australia (ERA) was forced to stop mining operations in March after process water contaminated the site’s drinking water.

The mine is now back at full operation but a Territory Government department is still finalising a report into what went wrong and whether there are grounds for prosecution. The Territory Government admits the report’s completion has taken longer than expected but it has been waiting on final information from the mine’s operator. It says it is still consulting the Federal Government. A Territory Government spokeswoman says Mines Minister Kon Vatskalis is anxious to have the report finalised by the end of next week.

from: ABC News Online, May 11th 2004

Back Issues

Members who recently joined IMWA can find a complete author index (issues 1–20) of the “International Mine Water Association Journal” and “Mine Water and the Environment” at our web-page www.IMWA.info. Volumes 17(1), 18(1), 19(2), 20(1) and 21(1) as well as proceedings of the 7th and 8th IMWA Congresses are still available for \$US/€15.00 a copy. Some other back-issues are available on request (copies of single pages at \$US/€0.60 each). Please add \$US/€5.00 for shipping/handling. You can also access the journal on line, using springerlink.com

Chris Wolkersdorfer, Freiberg/Saxony

ERMITE outcomes

A nice version of the story of how the ERMITE-project helped WWF raise the profile of mine *water* issues (rather than the artificial emphasis on mine *wastes* alone, as if these are never found in conjunction with mine waters!) has been written by the British Geological Society. Have a look at: www.geolsoc.org.uk/template.cfm?name=YoungerCoal

Paul Younger, Chris Wolkersdorfer

Environment Agency (England & Wales)

The Environment Agency (England & Wales) have established a national R&D Fellow for Mining and Mine Wastes at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne. The Fellow's role is to provide the EA with strategic insights into the latest developments in the science and technology of minimising the impacts of mining on the environment, with particular reference to impacts on river basins (in line with the EU Water Framework Directive). Dr Adam Jarvis, formerly of IMC Group Ltd, took up the post of Fellow in March 2004 and has already developed a portfolio of links into key areas of concern for the EA, relating especially to addressing the substantial legacy of pollution from abandoned metalliferous mines in Cornwall, Wales and the Pennine hills of England.

Paul Younger, Newcastle upon Tyne, UK

New Members

IMWA welcomes the following new members:

Almudena Ordonez Alonso, Oviedo, Spain
 Rodrigo Alvarez, Oviedo, Spain
 Peter Bajtoš, Spišská Nova Ves, Slovakia
 Robert C Borden, Raleigh, USA
 Przemyslaw Bukowski, Katowice, Poland
 Guido Marcelo Bocchio Carbajal, Surco Lima, Perú
 Vasile Constantin, Feldioara, Romania
 Charles A Cravotta III, New Cumberland, USA
 Mariusz Czop, Cracow, Poland
 Ben B. Faulkner, Princeton, USA
 Linda Figueroa, Golden, USA
 Laura-Lee Findlater, Vancouver, Canada
 Iuhas Tiberius Flaviu, Bucharest, Romania
 Thomas A Galya, Charleston, USA
 Kevin Hallberg, Bangor, United Kingdom
 Paul Howe, Kent Town, Australia
 Muntean Ioan, Bucharest, Romania
 Kenneth Kerrick, Johnstown, USA
 Donna J Kim, Muskego, USA
 Carsten Kraut, Milton, Australia
 Nica Lucia, Feldioara, Romania
 Biro Lucian, Bucharest, Romania
 Paul Marinos, Athens, Greece
 Andrzej Pacholewski, Sosnowiec, Poland

Jeffrey V. Parshley, Reno, USA
 Krzysztof Polak, Krakow, Poland
 Jonathan Roberts, Gamston, United Kingdom
 David Salmon, Marshalltown, South Africa
 Carlos Henrique Schneider, Criciuma, Brazil
 Benjamin R. Stoikovich, Amsterdam, Netherlands
 John van Brahana, Fayetteville, USA
 Curtis J. Varnell, Fayetteville, USA
 Kai Witthüser, Pretoria, South Africa

We hope that our new colleagues will benefit from and contribute to the extensive mine water knowledge and expertise gathered within our group of international experts. Please use your membership number in any correspondence, especially money transfers with IMWA. You can find it easily on your journal's address label, in front of the word "GES". European members please ask for our German account details.

Adrian Brown, Treasurer, Denver, Colorado, USA

Forthcoming Events

20th – 28th August 2004, Florence, Italy

"The 32nd International Geological Congress (32IGC)"; website: <http://www.32igc.org>

20th – 24th September 2004, Newcastle, UK

"**International IMWA Symposium – Mine Water 2004 – Process, Policy and Progress**"; website: <http://www.imwa2004.ncl.ac.uk>, e-mail: imwa.2004@ncl.ac.uk

3rd – 6th October 2004, Jena, Germany

"Geomicrobiology in remediation of mine waste"; website: <http://penguin.biologie.uni-jena.de/phytopathologie/mikrobPhytopatho/tagungen.html>; e-mail: Erika.Kothe@uni-jena.de

16th – 18th November 2004, Reno Nevada, USA

"Pit Lakes 2004"; website: <http://www.epa.gov/ttnrml/pitlakes.htm>; e-mail: tcs-events@saic.com

23th – 27th February 2005, Szczyrk, Poland

"VI International Mining Forum"; website: <http://www.imf.net.pl/>; e-mail: imf@imf.net.pl

11th – 16th September 2005, Freiberg/Saxony

"Uranium Mining and Hydrogeology IV"; website: <http://www.geo.tu-freiberg.de/umh>; e-mail: UMH@geo.tu-freiberg.de

16th – 18th November 2005, Nancy/France

"Post-Mining Reclamation 2005"; website: <http://www.mines.inpl-nancy.fr/gisos/>