

Seven countries from Central and South-East Europe joined the ISRM

After Serbia in 2011, the ISRM family has been growing by new six countries from Central and South-East Europe: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania and Ukraine. Bulgaria, Romania and Ukraine joined ISRM during the last few months.

BULGARIA

The Scientific and Technical Union of Mining, Geology and Metallurgy (STUMGM) represents Bulgaria in ISRM.

About 1800 scientists, engineers, technicians and other specialists in the field of mining, geology and metallurgy participate in the Union. The Union is an association in private favour and realizes its activity in favour of its members. STUMGM is a regular member of the Federation of the Scientific Engineering Unions. In the Union are involved 14 regional organizations, 34 scientific-technical associations and clubs and 6 incorporated associations. The Union is member of 19 related international social organizations and academies. The Union is a co-founder of the publishing house "Earth93" and a co-publisher of the journal "Mining and Geology". Useful information about national and international publications and activities in these fields is accumulating and exchanged in the Secretariat of the Union.

The Union is the basic organizer of scientific-technical conferences, symposia, discussions and other initiatives on national and international level. The union members participate in the preparation and discussion of normative and others documents in the field of mining and metallurgical branches and geology.



STUMGM Officers:
Chairman - Prof. Dr. Tzolo Voutov;
Vice Chairmen - Prof. Petar Daskalov,
Prof. Dimcho Yossifov,
Dr. Vladimir Genevski.
Secretary General - Dr. Kremena
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Geology and Hydrocarbon Potential
of the Balkan-Black Sea Region,
Varna, 11 - 15 September 2013

ROMANIA

The Romanian National Group of the International Society for Rock Mechanics (RONGISRM) represent Romania in ISRM.

The establishment of the National Group was started in 2014 on the initiative of several professors from Petroleum-Gas University of Ploiesti. Previously, Professor Petre Ciobanu has been corresponding ISRM

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member. RONGISRM started with 10 individual ISRM members. Board is formed by Prof. Petru Ciobanu as President, Prof. Maria Petre as Vice President and Assistant Prof. Monica Emanuela Stoica as Secretary.

Most of the members work on Petroleum-Gas University of Ploiesti where are also RONGISRM headquarters. RONGISRM has two main objectives which will be realized during next few years:

- to create RONGISRM web site;
- to establish an international centre for continuing education in rock mechanics for petroleum and gas engineering.

If opportunities permit, the Board will launch scientific journal of rock mechanics for petroleum and gas.

Prof. Petru Ciobanu is courses holder of rock mechanics and reservoir geomechanics and wells. He is also head of Rock Mechanics Laboratory at Petroleum-Gas University of Ploiesti. He has a PhD in technical sciences for the mining, petroleum and gas. Prof. Maria Petre is courses holder of drilling wells and completing wells. She has a PhD in technical sciences for the mining, petroleum and gas.



RONGISRM officers:
President - Prof. Petru Ciobanu
Vice President - Prof. Maria Petre.

UKRAINE

**The Ukrainian Geotechnical Society (UGS)
represents Ukraine in ISRM.**

UGS includes representatives of the largest Ukrainian scientific research institutes, coal and ore companies, Ministry of Energy and Coal Industry of Ukraine.

The fields of activity are:

- Consulting and research works for intensification and optimization of coal and ores.
- Research of non-linear stress-strain relationship of the rock mass to increase the stability of mining facilities
- Evaluation of mutual influence of various geotechnical systems considering spatial and time factor.

The Ukrainian Geotechnical Society is a co-organizer of the largest annual international mining-oriented conference 'School of Underground Mining' in Ukraine.



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