

The 2006 annual meeting and reunion of the Federation of European Mineral Programs (EMC, EMEC and EGEC) took place from 23 November until 25 November. In total 150 participants were hosted by RWE power at the Inden facilities. All 50 students of the current year, as well as 65 alumni and 35 representatives from the Industry and the Academia were present. Over 35 different companies were represented by alumni or other employees.



Thursday evening those arriving had the opportunity to enjoy a beer and to reminisce at the Berg- und Hüttenmännischer Verein.

On Friday morning the meeting of the FEMP Industrial Advisory Board took place. Major part of the meeting was dedicated to the future development of the programs and the possibility of more cooperation and structure in the research

by universities and industry.

Students and alumni of the three programs had the opportunity to visit the Inden mine in the morning and joined the other guests at lunchtime.

The afternoon started with a presentation by Mr. Lars Kulik about the latest developments at RWE Power. Following were short company introductions by the representatives of the Industrial Advisory Board. The main event was the workshop with the theme: **"Investment Opportunities in Eastern Europe"**. During the workshop, the participants had the task to analyse different investment opportunities concerning energy projects in Eastern Europe. The assignment was to identify the decisive parameters out of a set of data and to present a proposal whether or not to invest in certain countries and/or projects. The official part was closed by Mr. Arthur Oster, the mine manager of Inden.



The evening program included a buffet dinner and drinks offered by RWE Power. Those present had many opportunities to enlarge their network. Due to the continuing shortage at the global labour market for mining, etc. engineers companies were keen to express their interest to graduating students to work with them.

On Saturday 25 November the university and industry representatives had the opportunity to visit the Inden mine. In the afternoon some 100 participants took part in a 4 hour outdoor survival exercise along the river Maas near Maastricht. Not all participants stayed dry at the Rambo and Challenge tracks. Finally the reunion was closed with a BBQ and many beers.



The goals of the reunion and annual meeting were completely met. During the two days there were many professional and sportive challenging and interesting opportunities for the 150 participants.

The presentations can be found at: <http://www.femp.org/info/reunion06> and the pictures at <http://gallery.ta.tudelft.nl/femp2006reunion>

For further information please contact Hans de Ruiter (director of FEMP) at: j.j.deruiter@tudelft.nl or mail to info@femp.org