

**Boart Longyear** hosted this year's reunion of the EMC, EMEC and EGEC. It coincided, as usual, with the annual meeting of the organisation that supports the three programs: FEMP (Federation of European Mineral Programmes) and its IAB (Industrial Advisory Board). Besides 45 students and some 60 alumni there were also 35 representatives of international companies, member of FEMP, as well as some 20 representatives of participating and partner universities. The 160 participants had ample opportunity to strengthen their network during the various activities.



Students and some alumni arrived on Thursday evening in castle "de Berckt" in Baarlo, where the Grand Café was open to have a beer and exchange stories.

On Friday morning the business meeting of the Industrial Advisory Board took place. Main topic of discussion was the newly obtained "Erasmus Mundus" quality seal from the European Commission.



At noon everybody was moved to Domani a new cultural podium in the medieval Mariaweide chapel in Venlo. After the lunch the industrial partners introduced their company. Joe Moody VP engineering of Boart Longyear's corporate office in the USA and Steve Buckner gave an interesting overview of the activities in which Boart Longyear is involved. After that Jeanette van Stijn held a workshop with the theme: "**What about making choices**".

At the end of the afternoon everybody moved back to "De Berckt". Boart Longyear hosted the buffet and drinks during the evening and night. This was the main event where all participants could meet in an informal atmosphere with music of the trio "Guezz What" in the background. At 03.00 in the morning the last representatives of the industry left for their hotel, while the students continued another two hours.





On Saturday 1 December a program was offered with different activities around castle "de Berckt. Students, alumni and industrial / academic representatives participated. At the end of the day the program was concluded with a Barbecue.



During these two days it was clearly shown that the annual meeting and reunion is an important event and is essential to maintain the FEMP / EMMEP network.

It is also the best opportunity to strengthen the links with the 35 industrial members of FEMP. A list of participants, a copy of the industrial presentations and a link to the pictures ([http://gallery2.tudelft.nl/main.php?g2\\_itemId=1045137](http://gallery2.tudelft.nl/main.php?g2_itemId=1045137)) can be found at: [www.femp.org/info/reunion07](http://www.femp.org/info/reunion07)

The effort of Boart Longyear in organising a major part of these days was highly appreciated.

Next year's reunion will take place from 27 until 29 November 2008.