



## FEMP / IAB meeting 2011 and reunion 3 – 5 November 2011



Caterpillar hosted the 2011 reunion of the EMC, EMEC and EGEC programs which coincides with the annual meeting of the organisation that supports the programs: FEMP (Federation of European Mineral Programmes) and its IAB (Industrial Advisory Board). Besides 50 students and 60 alumni, representatives of 35 international companies, which are supporting FEMP as well as some 25 representatives of the academia participated. The event was again an excellent opportunity to strengthen the network.



For more than 85 years, Caterpillar Inc. has been making progress possible and driving positive and sustainable change on every continent. Caterpillar integrates sustainability into their core businesses and is helping their customers do the same.

The venue took place in Gosselies and Mons, which are about 50 km South of Brussels (Belgium).

On Thursday 3 November business meetings of the academic FEMP members were held. Barrick Gold Corp. hosted a dinner meeting for the industrial FEMP members. In the evening First Quantum sponsored the welcome drinks at the bar of the hostel.

On Friday 4 November the workshop took place at the premises of Caterpillar in Gosselies (Belgium). In the morning the business meeting of the FEMP's Industrial Advisory Board (IAB) was held at the same place. During this meeting the industrial representatives presented their view on the future development of FEMP after the end of the Erasmus Mundus Program in 2013. Students and alumni of the three program joined around lunchtime. On Thursday afternoon and Friday morning Caterpillar organised plant tours for all participants.



The workshop "Mining in 2020" was presented by Caterpillar staff. The topics were:

- Room and Pillar in 2020 (Rien Pouls)
- New mining methods for seams in 2020 (Andreas Keller)
- Surface mining in 2020 (Dave Mohr)
- Hard rock mining in 2020 (Arend Wormeester)
- From mine to mill (Mike Buxton of TU Delft)
- Future developments in mass extraction, Block Caving (Allan Moss of Rio Tinto)



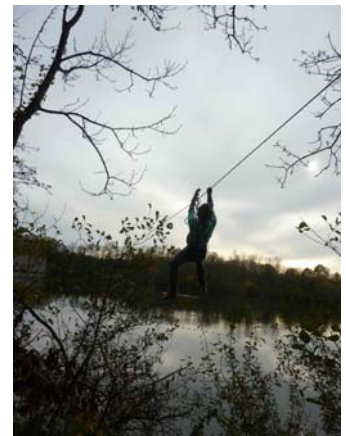
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At the end of the afternoon and in the evening a buffet dinner and drinks were offered by **Caterpillar** at the Auberge de Jeunesse “du Beffroi” in Mons.

On Saturday 5 November a program with outdoor activities was offered at Ecopark Adventures in Tournai. 70 students and alumni participated in three hours of activities on cables between trees, including a thrilling strumming experience across a lake (and back).

During these days there were many opportunities to revive old friendships and make new ones.



All links to detailed information, pictures, participants, etc. can be found at the FEMP website:  
<http://www.femp.org/femp-reunion/>