

Seminars in 2008

After holding two successful seminars during the course of this year with the topics

>Application of CavBase Gas Storage for optimizing the operation of gas caverns <

and

>Physical background and practical execution of cavern surveys <

we at SOCON are planning again on offering seminars next year. As usual we will inform you in writing in good time about the dates and the topics; in addition you will be able to browse through our program and the dates on our website at www.socon.com.

The editor



Gerardus Mercator
1512-1594

New coordinates for Germany

As part of the process of creating a uniform coordinate system for Europe the former Gauß-Krüger coordinate system is being replaced in the Federal Republic of Germany by the European Terrestrial Reference System 1989 (ETRS89), which is based on the Universal Transverse Mercator Projection (UTM). This will mean in the medium term that mine plans and documents complying with mining law (§ 63 BbergG) will also have to be converted to the new reference system.

Dr. A. Reitze

Paper on successful application of SoMIT technique

At the last SMRI Meeting in Halifax, Sebastian Boor (KBB Underground Technologies GmbH) and Dr. Andreas Reitze presented a joint paper on the successful application of the SoMIT method for integrity testing. The text version of this paper can be downloaded from the DownloadCenter at www.socon.com. The specialist journal ERDÖL ERDGAS KOHLE also published an article on the SoMIT technique in its November 2007 issue (issue 11).

Dr. A. Reitze



SOCON survey report subject of literary criticism

Criticism is always welcome at SOCON and is simply a part of the daily business, as is surely the case with every company in the world. Indeed criticism provides an essential contribution to improving our own efficiency.

However, it is really something quite special when a generally known literature critic talks about SOCON. And of course we do not want to hold this back from our readers.

You will find the text in our DownloadCenter → RRaniki.zip as an mp3 or as a video → Reisebericht.zip on our website at www.socon.com

The editor



H. von Tryller and Dr. Z. Ma discussing with representatives of the Technical University of Liaoning in Fuxin how cooperation can be intensified

market, but also to intensify the universities.

Holding a position as honorary professor at the Technical University of Liaoning in Fuxin, Dr. Ma had the opportunity to give two lectures on the subject of cavern surveillance.

Dr. A. Reitze

SOCON expands its team

Our employees are our most important asset. And for that reason we are particularly happy that over the last year we were able to welcome eleven new employees to our ranks. This considerable increase in manpower has been necessary not only to adjust our capacity to the current market requirements but also so as to be able to replace our employees who will soon be going into retirement.

André de Buhr and Lars Wendt have joined us in our branch in Wiesmoor.

Our surveying operations in Giesen have been strengthened by the addition of Rudi Ansorge, Stefan Johnböke, Peter Bauer, Ingo Schelm, Stefan Schuboth and Peter Ernst.

Our Development and Service department in Giesen is pleased to welcome Andreas Lochte and Henning Kalkhoff.

And since the beginning of August 2007 Dr. Michael Krieter has been head of the GSOS department at SOCON.

We sincerely welcome all our new employees and wish them all the best for their future with SOCON and are looking forward to working together with them.

Oliver Busjahn

Round trip in China

During a trip around China in October 2007 Harmut von Tryller and Dr. Z. Ma held a number of talks with our Chinese customers. This trip was used not only to continue building on our present activities in the Chinese existing cooperation with Chinese

