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ISSMGE Heritage Time Capsule

What you can do for geo-engineering education in Australia and New Zealand

The Australian and New Zealand (ANZ) project team members of the ISSMGE Heritage Time Capsule Project (HTC) invite you to join us at the Australia and New Zealand Conference on Geomechanics 2023 (ANZ2023) that is going to be held on 2-5 July 2023 in Cairns, Australia. This is the regional conference of the ISSMGE for the Australasian region, and provides a great opportunity for the experts in our profession to share ideas and talk about current concerns.

The HTC session is being organised by Dr Golnaz Alipour, Dr Hugo Acosta, Mr. Sukumar Pathmanandavel & Prof. David Airey (Australia) and Prof. Rolando Orense & A/Prof Liam Wotherspoon (New Zealand).

Our discussions at the ANZ2023 will be to provide individual members of the ISSMGE from the ANZ and others an opportunity to review and reflect on the contributions by Australia and New Zealand to the HTC project (<https://www.issmge.org/the-society/time-capsule/part-a>). Our discussion platform at the ANZ2023 will be geo-education in our profession and the teaching and training provided by universities and industry, one of the main topics highlighted by the ANZ2023 local organising committee (<https://anzgeo2023.com.au/>).

The HTC session at the ANZ2023 conference will explore the role of academics in the Australasian contributions to the HTC project, and on education of the next generation of geotechnical engineers along with the current state of geotechnical engineering programs in ANZ universities. The session will consist of a combination of short talks delivered by speakers who will outline the current concerns and barriers, panel discussions by senior and young members, and live feedback from the audience.

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The collective recommendations from the HTC session will be then further developed in the current ISSMGE Presidential term (2022-2026), with a view of arriving with an Australasian vision, mission and some strategic goals with achievable actions against each of the goals.

We thank the local organising committee, in particular Dr Richard Kelly, Dr David Lacey and Professor Robert May, for their kind offer to accommodate the HTC session at the ANZ2023 conference. We are very grateful for the strong interest and sponsorship from the leaders of the two geotechnical professional member societies in both countries, Dr David Lacey (Australia) and Ms Eleni Gkeli (NZ), and the support of the Regional Vice President for Australasia, Mr Graham Scholey.

If you would like to contribute your ideas and/or be part of the discussion at the ANZ2023, please contact Dr Golnaz Alipour, golnaz.alipour@mq.edu.au. We look forward to seeing you at the ANZ2023 conference!



Conference reports

XXXII Italian National Conference on Geosynthetics, Bologna, Italy

The XXXII Italian National Conference on Geosynthetics was held on 20 October 2022 in Bologna alongside the large construction fair SAIE 2022. The event had an important international participation and gave excellent results both in terms of the number of registered participants and the quality of the presented papers. Moreover, the context of the SAIE Exhibition (the international reference point for the world of construction in Italy) enhanced the importance and impact of geosynthetics presentations. This year the theme of the Conference was “Circular economy and resilient applications”.

As per tradition, the conference was organised by the Italian Geotechnical Association (AGI) and the Italian Chapter of the International Geosynthetics Society (AGI-IGS), in partnership with SAIE 2022 and SENAF.

Claudio Soccodato (on behalf of the new AGI President Sebastiano Rampello), Daniele Cazzuffi (President of AGI-IGS), Nicola Moraci (Vice-President of AGI-IGS), and Guido Gottardi (University of Bologna) opened the conference that was divided - as usual - into two different sessions.

The morning session, coordinated by Daniele Cazzuffi (CESI SpA, Milano), was focused on ‘Circular economy’. The first contribution was presented by Nathalie Touze (INRAE, France) who attracted the audience with the speech on “the role of geosynthetics in sustainable development and the circular economy”. Then Francesco Fontana (Manifattura Fontana SpA, Italy and IGS Council member) presented “opportunities and limits of recycling in the production of geosynthetics in a circular economics perspective”, challenging item that generated a lot of constructive discussions. Furthermore, the IGS Executive Director John Kraus highlighted the “sustainability and planetary boundaries” of geosynthetics, including the very controversial matters related to their potential microplastics release. To conclude the session, Antonella Senese and Beatrice De Felice (Milano University) illustrated the preliminary experimental studies on the impact of geotextiles in the Alpine environment, especially on glaciers, where these materials are used for the reduction of snow/ice melting.



John Kraus and Nathalie Touze during a break of Bologna conference together with Daniele Cazzuffi and Francesco Fontana



Nathalie Touze receiving a present after her keynote lecture in Bologna from the IGS Italian Chapter officers

Nicola Moraci (Mediterranea University of Reggio Calabria) coordinated the afternoon session with four lectures focused on ‘Resilient applications’ particularly on landfills and environmental items. The first presentation in that session was on the “role of sustainable landfilling in circular economy” and was given by Valentina Grossule, also on behalf of her colleagues Raffaello Cossu and Maria Cristina Lavagnolo of Padova University. Then Quintilio Napoleoni (University of Roma ‘Sapienza’) highlighted the fundamental role of geosynthetics for a real “sustainable design of landfills” and Filippo Crociati (Herambiente, Italy) illustrated the “design parameters of geosynthetics for landfills in consideration of the climate change issues”. Finally, Piergiorgio Recalcati (Tenax SpA, Italy) presented an “analysis of direct shear and inclined plane test results on different interfaces of landfill capping systems”.

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At the end of each session, a fruitful and interesting discussion on the different topics took place.

Proceedings were edited by Daniele Cazzuffi, Nicola Moraci, and Claudio Soccodato. The volume contains four articles in English and four articles in Italian with English abstracts; these proceedings are available at a very reasonable cost through the following link: <https://www.torrossa.com/it/resources/an/5384316?digital=true>

During the conference, Pierpaolo Fantini (Huesker srl) received the IGS Chapter Service Award, while Nicolò Guarena and Andrea Luciani (both from Torino Politecnico) obtained ex-aequo the AGI-IGS Prize for the best PhD thesis on geosynthetics engineering discussed in the last 3 years in Italian Universities.

The next XXXIII Italian National Conference on Geosynthetics will be held on October 2024 in Bologna alongside the large construction fair SAIE 2024, thus one year after the 12th International Conference on Geosynthetics that will be organized, always by the Italian Geotechnical Association (AGI) and the Italian Chapter of the International Geosynthetics Society (AGI-IGS), at the Auditorium della Musica in Roma from 17 to 21 September 2023 www.12icg-roma.org/

Daniele Cazzuffi
AGI-IGS President

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Activity of KGS at Indian Geotechnical Conference 2022, Kochi, India

The "Indian Geotechnical Conference (IGC) 2022" was held from December 15-17, 2022, in Kochi, India. The conference is jointly hosted by the Indian Geotechnical Society, Kochi Chapter and Cochin University of Science and Technology.

The conference provided a platform to listen to a wide range of expertized speakers and exposure to the latest construction technologies and methodologies adopted in the construction sector of developed countries like the USA, United Kingdom, Japan, Australia, Taiwan, South Korea, Canada and the rapidly developing host country, India (more than 1000 participants). The main purpose of attending the conference is to promote the development of scientific and innovative activities between universities, raise awareness of the current research results in rapidly developing fields of science and provide opportunities for the exchange of views on debatable issues.

ENU post-doctoral fellow Dr. Dhanya J.S. together with Professor Askar Zhussupbekov, President of Kazakhstan Geotechnical Society, Department of Civil Engineering of Eurasian National University, delivered a presentation on the topic "Geotechnical considerations of pile load testing in problematic soil of Astana (Kazakhstan)" to academic and industry diaspora of Indian and International geotechnical engineering community.

Prof. A. Boominathan, visiting Professor at Eurasian National University presented the 44th IGC annual lecture at the conference based on the PhD topic of research of Dr. Dhanya J.S., "Geotechnical Seismic Isolation system for vibration mitigation".



Fig. 1. Participants at the Indian Geotechnical Conference

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The details of keynote lectures attended are as follows:

No.	Title	Speaker
1.	Geotechnical Marriage Between Theory and Practice	Dr. Marc Ballouz, President ISSMGE
2.	The Landslide Susceptibility and Resilience with the Impact of Climate Change	Dr. Keh-Jian (Albert) Shou, Vice President Asia - ISSMGE
3.	Prediction of in situ Void Ratio - Effective Stress Relation	Prof. M.R. Madhav, Professop Emeritus, JNT University
4.	Instrumentation and Data Interpretation in Transportation Geotechnics	Prof. Buddhima Indraratna, Distinguished Professor of Civil Engineering, University of Technology Sydney, Australia
5.	Cleaning Water Bodies Using Geotextile Tubes: New Challenges and Opportunities	Dr. Shobha Bhatia, Professor, Syracuse University, New York, USA
6.	Ground Improvement Studies On Problematic Soils: Innovative Materials with Sustainable Applications	Prof. Anand J Puppala, Texas A&M University, USA
7.	Rapid 1D Tests for Evaluating the End-of-Primary Consolidation Parameters	Prof. R G Robinson, IIT Madras, India
8.	Comparative Analysis of Static and Dynamic Tests of Piles in Difficult Soil Conditions	Prof. Askar Zhussupbekov, L.N.Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Kazakhstan
9.	Case Studies and Numerical Investigation of Landslide Triggering Mechanisms in Western Ghats, Kerala, India	Prof. Deepankar Choudhury, IIT Bombay, India
10.	Analysis of Consolidation Settlement of Waste Lime Landfill Site	Prof. Eun Chul Shin, Professor Emeritus Incheon National University, South Korea
11.	High Resolution Characterisation (HRSC) studies at II Delhi	Prof. G.V.Ramana, IIT Delhi
12.	Initial Experiences with Additive Manufacturing of Geosynthetics	Prof. Madhavi Latha, IISc Bangalore, India
13.	Building and Forgetting is not an option - Role of Remote Sensing in Geotechnical Assset Management and Infrastructure Monitoring	Prof. Thomas Oommen, Michigan Technological University, USA
14.	Improvement in the Geotechnical Properties of Black Cotton Soil Using Ecofriendly Biopolymers & Industrial Wastes	Dr. H.N Ramesh, Bangalore University
15.	Numerical Analysis of Pile Foundations in Saturated and Unsaturated Soils	Dr. Sai Vanapalli, University of Ottawa, Canada

During the conference, exhibition programs by major global companies specializing in construction in mining and industrial environments using advanced equipment, technologies, and construction practices were explored and contacts were exchanged for future reference.

Based on the suggestions and discussions with the expert committee comprising Dr Anil Joseph, the new President of the Indian Geotechnical Society, collaborations with ENU from India for future research were welcomed.

Further, the students, faculty community, and industry sponsors were invited to submit their abstracts and full paper for the upcoming 17th Asian Regional Geotechnical Conference, which will be held for the first time in Kazakhstan on August 14-18, 2023 in Astana.

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Fig. 2. Invited lecturers at the Indian Geotechnical Conference in Kochi



Fig. 3. Group photo with “RENUKA Consultants” (an Indian geotechnical company) booth in exhibition.

ISSMGE Foundation Report

After making a nearly 24-hour-long journey from Johannesburg to Daejeon, the University of Pretoria delegation was met with friendly faces and exceptional Korean hospitality. Being the only African delegation at the 10th International Conference on Physical Modelling in Geotechnics gave us the responsibility and opportunity to represent our university, country and continent, which we took on proudly. The conference featured the 5th Schofield lecture by Prof. Osamu Kusakabe, in which he spoke fondly of his connection with Prof. Schofield and past Schofield lecturers, and highlighted the key contributions that the Japanese geotechnical community has made to physical modelling. Keynote lectures featured topics from simulation of mechanised tunnelling to offshore wind turbines, from earthquake loading on earth embankments to modelling the behaviour of mine tailings in the centrifuge. The wide array of topics made the conference a great experience for both young researchers and experts in the field.

The work presented by the University of Pretoria delegation was well-received, and included centrifuge modelling of tailings slopes, modelling of soil arching in unsaturated sands, large-scale reinforced concrete piles and scaled-down reinforced concrete for centrifuge modelling. A personal highlight was delivering my first international conference presentation to a packed parallel session hall, and receiving questions and insights from Prof. Jason DeJong and Prof. Bruce Kutler, both of whom have incredible research portfolios and whom I have great respect for. Prof. SW Jacobsz, who is my supervisor, was mentioned extensively throughout the conference, highlighting the contribution that he and the South African community have made to physical modelling in recent history.

The greatest part of attending an international conference was meeting researchers from across the world and connecting on a technical and social level, experiencing new food and cultures, and seeing a part of the world that would not have been possible under any other circumstance. A particular highlight was meeting the Korean delegation and conference organisers by chance at a Korean barbecue restaurant on the final evening of the conference. They gave a true insight into the nature of Korean hospitality, and we shared wonderful conversations over food and drinks.

My first international conference was a brilliant one, and would not have been possible without the generosity of the ISSMGE Foundation. I'd like to personally express my gratitude to the Foundation for sponsoring my travel and conference expenses, and for the immense contribution to my development as a researcher and geotechnical engineer.



Meeting the delegates (me on the left hand most)



During a lab visit

Ruan Murison
University of Pretoria

Event Diary

ISSMGE EVENTS

Please refer to the specific conference website for full details and latest information.

2023

International Conference on Advances in Structural and Geotechnical Engineering

Location: Titanic Palace Resort, Hurghada, Egypt

Dates: 06-03-2023 - 09-03-2023

Language: English

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8th International Conference on Unsaturated Soils

Milos Conference Centre - George Iliopoulos, Milos Island Greece

Dates: 02-05-2023 - 05-05-2023

Language: English

Organiser: Hellenic Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (HSSMGE)

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Underground Construction Prague 2023

Location: Clarion Congress Hotel Prague, Prague 9, Czech Republic

Dates: 29-05-2023 - 31-05-2023

Language: English

Organiser: The Czech Tunnelling Association ITA-AITES

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17th Danube - European Conference on Geotechnical Engineering

Location: Ramada Parc, Bucharest, Romania

Dates: 07-06-2023 - 09-06-2022

Language: English

Description

Organiser: Romanian Society for Geotechnical and Foundation Engineering

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9th International Congress on Environmental Geotechnics

Location: Chania, Crete island, Greece,
Dates: 25-06-2023 - 28-06-2023
Language: English
Organiser: Chair: Dimitrios Zekkos, University of California at Berkeley ; zekkos@berkeley.edu
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Website : <https://www.iceg2022.org/>

Numerical Methods in Geotechnical Engineering 2023

Location: Imperial College London, United Kingdom
Dates: 26-06-2023 - 28-06-2023
Language: English
Organiser: Imperial College London
Contact person: numge2023@imperial.ac.uk
Website: <http://imperial.ac.uk>

17th Asian Regional Geotechnical Engineering Conference

Location: Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan
Dates: 14-08-2023 - 18-08-2023
Language: English
Organiser: Kazakhstan Geotechnical Society
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4th International Symposium of Machine Learning and Big Data In Geoscience

Location: Cork, Ireland, Ireland
Dates: 29-08-2023 - 01-09-2023
Language: English
Organiser: University College Cork & TC309 Machine Learning and Big Data
Contact person: Abbey Conference & Events
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Website: <https://www.ismlg2023.com/>
Email: zili.li@ucc.ie

8th International Symposium on Deformation Characteristics of Geomaterials

Location: Faculty of Engineering, University of Porto, Portugal ,
Dates: 03-09-2023 - 06-09-2023
Language: English
Organiser: TC101-ISSMGE, endorsed by SPG and FEUP
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SUT OSIG 9th International Conference, "Innovative Geotechnologies for Energy Transition"

Location: Imperial College London, UK,

Dates: 12-09-2023 - 14-09-2023

Language: English

Organiser: TC209; Society for Underwater Technology, Offshore Site Investigation & Geotechnics Committee

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Charles-Augustin Coulomb : A Geotechnical Tribute

Location: Paris, France

Date : 25-09-2023 - 26-09-2023

Language : English

Organiser: CFMS (French Committee for Sols Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering

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<https://www.cfms-sols.org/organisees-par-le-cfms/charles-augustin-coulomb-geotechnical-tribute>

28th European Young Geotechnical Engineers Conference and Geogames

Location: National Research Moscow State University of Civil Engineering, Russia, Moscow

Date: 04-10-2023 - 07-10-2023

Language: English

Organiser: Russian Society for Soil Mechanics, Geotechnics and Foundation Engineering

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2nd International Conference on Construction Resources for Environmentally Sustainable Technologies

Location: Fukuoka International Congress Center, Fukuoka, Japan

Dates: 20-11-2023 - 22-11-

Language: English

Organiser: Kyushu University

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The 5th International Conference on Geotechnics for Sustainable Infrastructure Development

Location: National Convention Center (NCC), Hanoi, Vietnam,

Dates: 14-12-2023 - 15-12-2023

Language: English

Organiser: FECON Corporation, Vietnamese Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (VSS-MGE), Japan Geotechnical Society (JGS), Thuyloi University (TLU), and Vietnam Petroleum Institute (VP

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2024

8th International Conference on Earthquake Geotechnical Engineering

Location: Osaka International Convention Center, Osaka, Japan

Dates: 07-05-2024 - 10-05-2024

Language: English

Organiser: Japanese Geotechnical Society

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XVIII European Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering

Location: Lisbon, Portugal

Dates: 25-08-2024 - 30-08-2024

Language: English

Organiser: SPG

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XVII Panamerican Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering

Location: Pucón, Chile

Dates: 12-11-2024 - 17-11-2024

Languages: Spanish - English

Organiser: Chilean Geotechnical Society (SOCHIGE)

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2026

21st International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering

Location: Vienna, Austria

Dates: 14-06-2026 - 19-06-2026

Language: English

Organisers: Austrian Geotechnical Society and Austrian Society for Geomechanics

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