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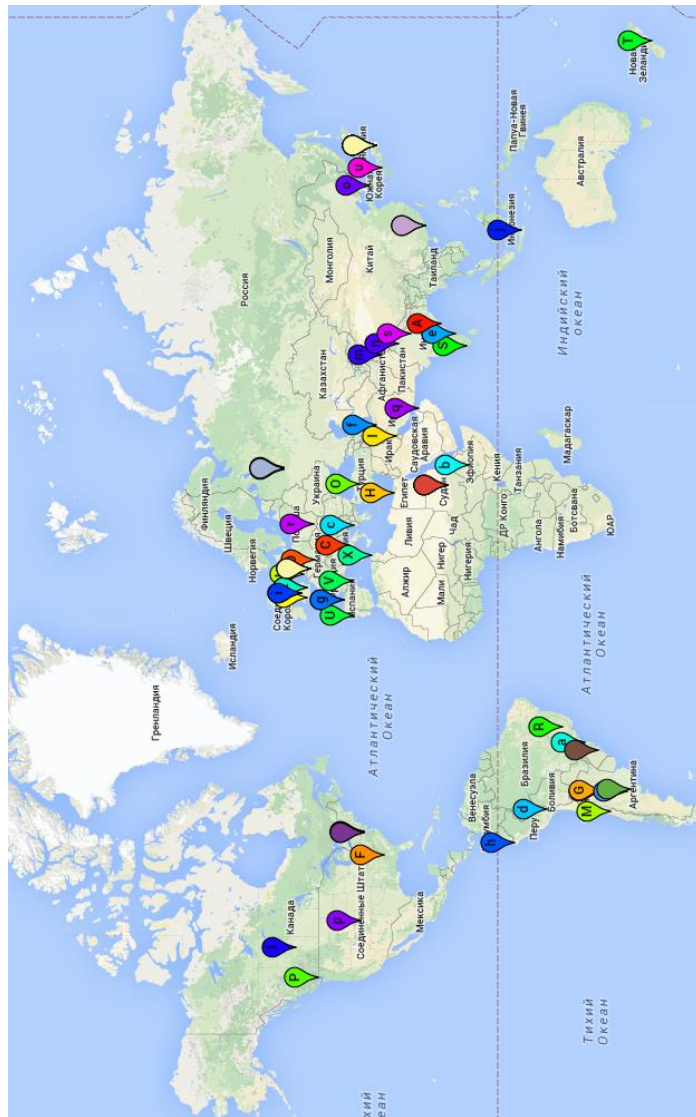
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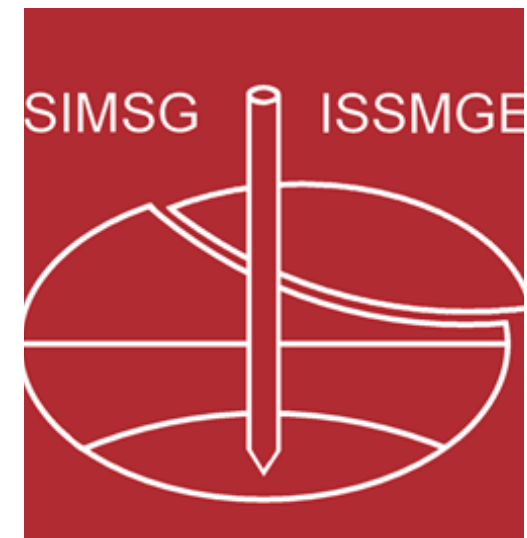
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Active Student and Young Members of the ISSMGE



Opportunities for Students and Young Members

- What is the ISSMGE?**
- The ISSMGE is the International Society of Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering.
 - The ISSMGE is the international society representing geotechnical engineering professionals.
 - The society is responsible for promoting and providing opportunities for geotechnical engineering professionals.
 - 34 technical committees seek to define the state of the art and practice.
 - 90 countries are represented by member societies of the ISSMGE.

Opportunities for Student and Young Members

The ISSMGE provides many opportunities for students and young members (≤ 35 years) of the ISSMGE.

Some of these opportunities include:

Young Geotechnical Engineering Conferences

Young Geotechnical Engineering Conferences are supported by the ISSMGE and its member societies. The purpose of the conferences is to provide students and young members with an opportunity to connect and work with other students and young members with a broad variety of geotechnical experience. All young members are welcome to share their research works by submitting and printing scientific papers.

Attending a young geotechnical engineering conference will provide you with opportunities to:

- Present work to your peers.
- Network with an international group of geotechnical engineers.
- Engage in professional development activities, including site visits.



Members of Young International Geotechnical Engineering Conference (YIGEC) 2013 in Paris.

ISSMGE Foundation

The [ISSMGE Foundation](#) was created to aid individual ISSMGE members throughout the world to enhance their geotechnical engineering knowledge and practice by providing financial support for participation in technical and professional activities approved by the ISSMGE Foundation. There is no prescriptive list of admissible events and the Chair of the ISSMGE Membership, Practitioner, and Academicians Committee (MPAC) will consider all reasonable applications while taking into account the relevance to ISSMGE and active rather than passive participation by the applicant.

Young Members Arena

The Young Members' Arena is an active platform dedicated to technical and professional publications by young members. The aim of the Young Members' Arena is to introduce and disseminate technical and professional contributions by young members to the international geotechnical engineering community. Contributions by young members are published online via GeoWorld. In each [ISSMGE Bulletin](#) issue, one outstanding technical contribution within the Young Members' Arena is published. Submit your paper now on myGeoWorld.info.

Networking and Mentorship

The ISSMGE provides opportunities for and encourages young members to connect with other young and senior members who may be able to provide mentorship and career advice. This support for networking and mentorship is based off of the [MyGeoWorld](#) social network which provides a platform for geotechnical engineers and other practitioners to connect and share information.

This support for networking and mentorship includes a list of international mentors who have volunteered to discuss their fields of experience with student and younger members of the ISSMGE: Check out the list on Young Member page ([here](#)).

The YMPG – Your Lobbying Group

The [Young Members Presidential Group \(YMPG\)](#) was created as a Board Level Committee by the ISSMGE in 2009 with the mission of increasing the attractiveness of the ISSMGE for the younger generations of geotechnical engineers. This is accomplished through the cooperation and exchange of ideas from students and younger members across the world.

The YMPG is responsible for lobbying the ISSMGE for benefits for students and younger members. If you have any suggestions for how the ISSMGE can provide greater support for students and younger members, we will love to hear from you!

The YMPG consists of 19 members. In addition to the Chair, there are 3 members selected from each region, nominated by the regional Vice Presidents. Membership is restricted to ISSMGE members 35 years of age or younger at the time of appointment. Members serve 2-year terms, renewable for an additional 2 years depending on activity level and eligibility.

Corresponding Membership

As a corresponding member (CM), you will receive e-mails about the work of the YMPG and the ISSMGE, and you will learn about opportunities for students and young members within the ISSMGE. Being a CM also provides you with the opportunity to engage with the YMPG and provide feedback on how the society can better serve you.

Participation from all members in the geotechnical community interested in the activities and opportunities for students and young member, regardless of if they are ones themselves is strongly encouraged, and you can opt out at any time. See the worldwide distribution of CM on the map behind and [sign-up today!](#)