Dear TC member,

This is the seventh newsletter of the ISSMGE Technical Committee 201: geotechnical aspects of dykes and levees. The intention of the newsletter is to keep all members informed on coming activities of our TC.

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1. Webinar
The ISSMGE organizes webinars on a regular basis, see [http://www.issmge.org/en/conferences-and-events/upcoming-webinars](http://www.issmge.org/en/conferences-and-events/upcoming-webinars). TC201 has suggested a webinar on peat in relation to dike stability. The webinar is held on December 1st. The webinar is entitled “Geotechnical aspects of peats” and is still downloadable at the above mentioned link.

2. Workshop TC201 2015
In advance of the XVth Pan-American conference TC201 plans to organize a one day workshop in the field of dike technology. The workshop will consist of three parts. First, it will give a floor to TC201 members whose abstracts did not fit in the conference programme. In this way we want to guarantee TC members an opportunity to present their work. Second, we would like to share experiences with (software) tools and design manuals used in the field of Dike Technology. The results of this part of the workshop will be made available later through the website. Third, as explained in section 5 of this newsletter, we intend to make an inventory of available case histories of dike failures since 2000. Each TC201 member is encouraged to bring in cases. If you cannot join the workshop, you can sent your suggestions directly the secretary, cor.zwanenburg@deltares.nl
3. Committee meeting 2015
The next committee meeting will be held during the XVth Pan-American Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering, Buenos Aires 2015, November 15th to 18th. Exact details about the meeting, time location etc. will be provided later. Please note that the workshop, see section 2 of this newsletter, will provide the opportunity for TC201 members to present contributions that did not fit in the conference programme.


4. Case histories; “dike failures in the new millennium”
Well described case histories form valuable lessons for engineering practice. Although many dike failures are known, the number of well described dike failure seem limited. Therefore, TC201 wants to collect case histories of dike failures. The focus will be on recent failures, since the year 2000. The case histories should be well divided around the different continents and different failure mechanisms.

We will make an inventory of available cases during the workshop, see section 4. Next, the cases will be elaborated for a paper to be published in the ISSMGE on line journal on Case Histories, see

- [http://casehistories.geoengineer.org/](http://casehistories.geoengineer.org/)

We hope to finish this publication in 2016.

5. ISSMGE 2017
In 2017 a committee meeting is planned at the ISSMGE conference in Seoul. Further details will be given when available.
7. Next Newsletter
The next newsletter will be send around at June 15th. Please provide all available information to the secretary Cor Zwanenburg, cor.zwanenburg@deltas.nl.