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Geo-Resilience 2023 was the third in a series of biennial conferences organised by the British Geotechnical Association (BGA). It took place in Cardiff, Wales on 28-29 March 2023.

The climate emergency means we are facing more extreme weather events and, together with other natural and human-induced hazards, these threaten our infrastructure and the natural environment. Floods and landslides are becoming more frequent and of greater magnitude and consequence. Earthquakes pose major hazards in many parts of the world. At the same time, much of our infrastructure is ageing, deteriorating and becoming more fragile. Our built and natural environment needs the ability to withstand extreme shocks and stresses, to be adapted for changing conditions.

Geo-infrastructure comprising earthworks for transport infrastructure, flood embankments and coastal works, drainage systems, foundations and retaining structures are key components in supporting our economy and society. We must also work with our natural environment to reduce the risks from geohazards that threaten people and their activities. The Geo-Resilience 2023 conference was held to address these issues.

The proceedings include 47 papers that were presented at the conference, arranged in 7 themes:

1 - Resilience of Road Networks
2 - Resilience of Earthworks
3 - Wetting & Drying Processes
4 – Sustainability
5 - Uncertainty and Probabilistic Processes
6 - Resilience to Flooding and Coastal Hazards
7 - Remote Sensing, Data and Monitoring

Four keynote lectures were presented at the conference but are not included in the proceedings:

- **Scaling up infrastructure resilience**, Savina Carluccio, Executive Director, International Coalition for Sustainable Infrastructure
- **Regulating Resilience**, Rhona Marsland, Railway Planning & Performance (RPP), Office of Rail and Road
- **Resilience of Geosystems using Functional Recovery Frameworks**, Prof. Youssef Hashash, Grainger Distinguished Chair in Engineering and Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA
- **Coal Tip Safety**, Sam Deeley, Head of Coal Tip Safety Operations and Reclamation, Welsh Government
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