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1. NEWS OF IAEG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Postponement of 3rd European Regional Conference and 2020 IAEG Meetings

Due to the current COVID-19 epidemiological situation in the world, the organization committee of the 3rd European Regional Conference decided to postpone the conference to April 8-12, 2021. The IAEG Working Meetings will be held on April 8, 2021.

New Decision on the Procedure of New National Group Establishment

According to the current rules of our Bylaw on New National Group Establishment, the new National Group could be approved to establish at the Council Meeting after the country submits the application, which will take long time for the potential NG wait for the official approval as a new National Group of IAEG. The Executive Committee have discussed about revising the concerned items on the bylaw of IAEG, however, before the formal revised Bylaw being approved, we need to reduce the time lapse and increase the efficiency of establishing a new National Group. With full votes of the Executive Committee, the new decision on the Procedure of New National Group Establishment has been approved as below:

1. The Executive Committee will vote on the approval of application for establishing a new NG according to the submitted materials.
2. The Executive Committee will inform the Council about the decision on the acceptance of the new NG.
3. The new established NG shall send representative to give a report to the Council introducing the new NG and their organizations at the Council Meeting.

New National Group --- Mongolia

Mongolia joined IAEG as a new national group. The proposal has been approved by the Executive Committee of IAEG by unanimous votes. Congratulations to Mongolia National Group!

New National Group --- Costa Rica

Costa Rica's application of joining IAEG has been accepted by unanimous vote of the Executive Committee of IAEG. Congratulations to Costa Rica National Group!

Special thanks to IAEG Vice President for South America, Norberto Jorge Bejerman, who has been in touch with colleagues and institutions of different countries in order to foster IAEG's growth in South and Central America! More new members of IAEG are expected to be established in this region.

The Hans Cloos Medal Winner 2020 and Marcel Arnould Medal Winner 2020

The results of IAEG Hans Cloos Medal 2020 have come out after three rounds of online votes and Marcel Arnould Medal 2 rounds of online votes by Executive Committee of IAEG. Prof. Faquan WU, nominated by China National Group, has won the IAEG Hans Cloos Medal for the year of 2020, and Prof. Martin Culshaw, nominated by UK National Group, has won the IAEG Marcel Arnould Medal 2020.

The HCM Lecture will be presented by Prof. Faquan WU during the 3rd European Regional

Conference in Greece.

For the detailed nomination documents, please click

<https://www.dropbox.com/home/2020/2020%20Awards/HCM> for HCM, and

<https://www.dropbox.com/home/2020/2020%20Awards/MAM> for MAM.

New Chair of YEG Elected



Stratis Karantanellis has been working with the YEG committee since 2018 in his role as secretary and social media editor of IAEG and YEG. He is elected as the new Chair of YEG by YEG Committee in April, 2021.

In the past year he has taken on many of the management and organizational duties of the committee and the YEGs feel that he is the best candidate to take over the position of Chair.

He received his BSc in Engineering Geology from Aristotle University and his MSc degree from the University of Twente, with specialisation in Natural Hazards and Disaster Risk Management.

Currently, he is a PhD researcher at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Department of Geology, in Greece, specializing in landslide management with computer vision and machine learning techniques and remote sensing. His main research interests are Engineering Geology, landslides and rockfall phenomena, photogrammetric and LiDAR applications, and rock and soil mechanics.

Stratis Karantanellis is passionate about the promotion of IAEG to young members, and he will be an excellent chair.



As he quoted "Coming together was a beginning, staying together is progress, and working together is success. Alone we can do so little while together we can do so much."

YEG Webinar Series

YEG initiated the "e-YEG" webinar series as a monthly presentation day of multivariate topics related to Engineering Geology. Each month, a YEG presenter (under 40) with a Senior one will present a 45min presentation each on a selected topic.


The invited speakers are coming out from our committee and after kind consideration from our members. We are thinking that is a really good opportunity regarding the overall locked down situation and all the travel limitations to provide some knowledge to our members and not only via the proposed webinar.

We are happy because the registration (current Zoom licence enables 100 participants) has been overbooked in almost 4 days from the first announcement in our social media and webpage. As a result and in order to let more people follow up those series we thought it could be a good suggestion to stream our webinar series live on YEG Youtube Channel and YEG Facebook page. In addition, in our committee we are preparing more actions to enhance the Engineering geological field and promote the inter-relationships among our members.


The group of Young Engineering Geologists (YEG) — IAEG invites you to the 1st series of “e-YEG” webinars with invited presentations from Professor Vassilios Marinos (GR) & Dr. Louise Vick (NO)

Topic: Landslide & Rock slope characterization






“Rock Slopes Characterization”


Dr. **Vassilios Marinos** is an Associate Professor of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (recently elected in the National Technical University of Athens, in the Civil Engineering Department). He is the Vice President of IAEG (2019-22). He has published more than 100 papers in international journals and international conferences. His area of expertise includes engineering geology in tunneling, geotechnical classification of weak and complex rock masses, landslide hazard and risk assessment, and tunnel geotechnical databases. He has been awarded from the IAEG with a runner-up certificate of the Richard Wolters Prize.



“Rock Structure and Landslide development in north Norway”

Dr. **Louise Vick** is a research fellow at UiT The Arctic University of Norway specializing in rockfall and rockslides. Originally from New Zealand, she obtained her degrees from the University of Canterbury and worked for several years as an engineering geologist in Auckland. Louise is passionate about increasing the involvement of young professionals in the IAEG organization.

 Day: **Thursday, 18th June 2020**
 Time: **13:00 UTC (GMT)**
 Platform: **Zoom App**

 Please register to the following form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfWuTYDLKp1AdGoOcrigxkuAt6ufUAONgAqYNNLVkGtVdwbaw/viewform?vc=0&cc=0&cw=1>

Speakers of the first YEG Webinar Series

After the huge success of the 1st e-YEG webinar, YEG is moving ahead to its 2nd webinar series on the topic of "*Investigation on Soils*". More details are shown as below.

Topic: Investigation on Soils

Path: search for **YEG IAEG's Zoom Meeting** or subscribe to **IAEG YEG** on Youtube.com

Day: **July 16, 2020**

Time: **07:00 UTC (GMT)**

Speakers: **Dr. Tim Nash (Australia) & Dr. Sarah Bastin (New Zealand)**

Register link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1F54FpKsN1nVxUsEzzi5xgbzprRrXYh1OOZShZCYHubsI/viewform?edit_requested=true




The group of Young Engineering Geologists (YEG) — IAEG invites you to the 2nd series of “e-YEG” webinars with invited presentations from Tim Nash (AUS) & Dr. Sarah Bastin (NZ)

Topic: Investigation on Soils



“Engineering geology for material reuse”

Tim Nash graduated from the University of Canterbury in 2003 with a BSc in geology and an MSc in engineering geology from the University of Canterbury, New Zealand. In 2004, Tim joined PSM as an engineering geologist until 2006 when he worked for five years in Western Australia as a consulting engineering geologist. Tim returned to PSM in Sydney in 2011 where he currently works as a Principal Engineering Geologist. Tim has worked on a number of major infrastructure projects including road and rail, tunnels and mining in Australia and abroad. His work experience includes pre-feasibility through to detailed design and construction phases of project development. Since 2015, Tim has delivered guest lectures at UNSW, Sydney for the Master of Engineering Science 'Engineering Geological Models' course.



“Relationships between observed liquefaction and geomorphology”

Dr. **Sarah Bastin** is an Engineering Geologist at Beca Ltd and based in Christchurch, New Zealand. She obtained a BSc and PhD in Geology from the University of Canterbury then worked as a post-doctoral research fellow with QuakeCoRE, New Zealand Centre for Earthquake Resilience. Her main area of research has focused on relationships between geomorphology and observed distributions of liquefaction, and evidence for paleo-liquefaction. In her current role Sarah has undertaken slope stability investigations including 3D rockfall and debris flow modelling. Sarah was awarded runner-up in the 2018 Richard Wolters Prize in San Francisco.

 Day: **Thursday, 16th July 2020**
 Time: **07:00 UTC (GMT)**
 Platform: **Zoom App**

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 Webpage & blog: www.iaeg.info/yegs/

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Speakers of the second YEG Webinar Series

2. BULLETIN : IMPACT FACTOR REACHES 3.041

We are delighted to report that the recently released 2019 impact factor of BOEG reaches a record high of 3.041. It increases by 0.903 (42%) as compared with that of 2018. The IFs of the recent 6 years are tabulated below.

Year	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Impact Factor	0.760	1.252	1.901	1.825	2.138	3.041

For your information, the 2019 impact factor of a journal is calculated by dividing *the number of citations in 2019 to items published in 2017-2018* by *the number of citable items in 2017-2018*.

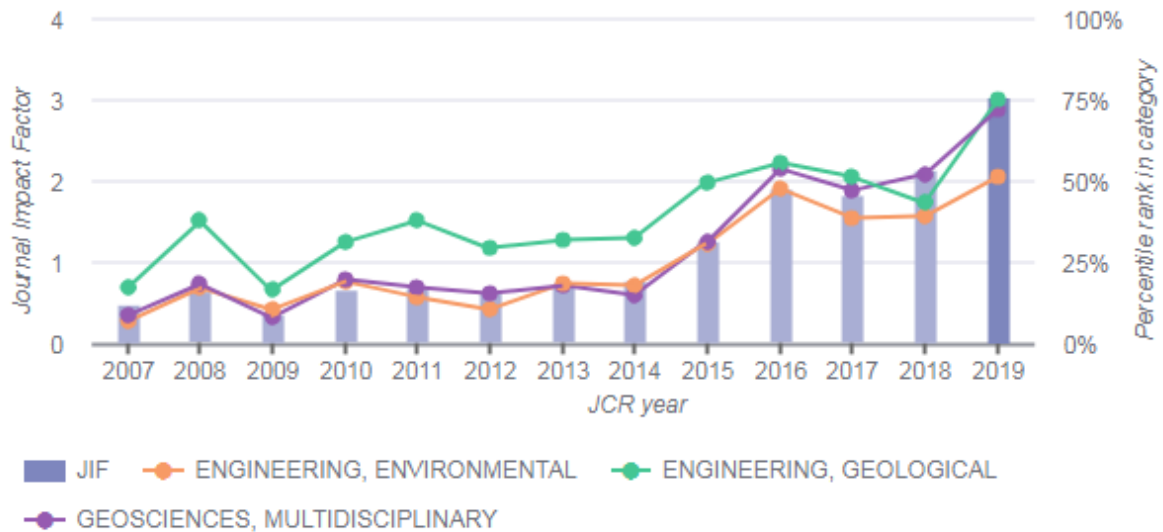
BOEG is now in the top 10 for the discipline of “Engineering, Geological” based on the IF. Please refer to the attached file for the detailed information. Thank you!

	Full Journal Title	Total Cite	Journal Impact Factor (Eig)
1	ENGINEERING GEOLOGY	17,188	4.779
2	Landslides	5,665	4.708
3	Acta Geotechnica	2,490	4.35
4	INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF ROCK MECHANICS AND MINING	22,437	4.151
5	ROCK MECHANICS AND ROCK ENGINEERING	10,454	4.14
6	GEOTECHNIQUE	13,984	3.83
7	COMPUTERS AND GEOTECHNICS	9,308	3.818
8	EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING & STRUCTURAL DYNAMICS	11,480	3.414
9	GEOTEXTILES AND GEOMEMBRANES	3,885	3.4
10	Bulletin of Engineering Geology and the Environment	4,115	3.041
11	Journal of Rock Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering	2,323	2.829
12	INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL FOR NUMERICAL AND ANALYTICAL	6,091	2.814
13	CANADIAN GEOTECHNICAL JOURNAL	12,401	2.802
13	GEOSYNTHETICS INTERNATIONAL	1,441	2.802
15	JOURNAL OF EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING	2,767	2.779
16	JOURNAL OF GEOTECHNICAL AND GEOENVIRONMENTAL ENG	13,278	2.714
17	SOIL DYNAMICS AND EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING	9,338	2.637
18	Bulletin of Earthquake Engineering	4,250	2.602
19	International Journal of Geomechanics	4,441	2.589
20	Geomechanics and Engineering	1,623	2.485
21	Transportation Geotechnics	570	2.436
22	Ingegneria Sismica	259	2.414
23	Geomechanics and Geophysics for Geo-Energy and Geo-Resource	295	2.224
24	Geomechanics for Energy and the Environment	197	2.077
25	EARTHQUAKE SPECTRA	5,695	1.93
26	Quarterly Journal of Engineering Geology and Hydrogeology	1,619	1.897
27	European Journal of Environmental and Civil Engineering	1,287	1.832
28	SOILS AND FOUNDATIONS	5,845	1.756
29	MARINE GEORESOURCES & GEOTECHNOLOGY	1,016	1.716
30	Earthquakes and Structures	1,196	1.714
31	Earthquake Engineering and Engineering Vibration	1,510	1.642
32	Environmental Geotechnics	376	1.621
33	Geotechnique Letters	692	1.524
34	International Journal of Physical Modelling in Geotechnics	330	1.333
35	GEOTECHNICAL TESTING JOURNAL	2,650	1.289
36	PROCEEDINGS OF THE INSTITUTION OF CIVIL ENGINEERS-GE	899	1
37	ENVIRONMENTAL & ENGINEERING GEOSCIENCE	559	0.755
38	Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering	344	0.5
39	Acta Geotechnica Slovenica	81	0.464

2019 Journal Impact Factor & percentile rank in category for: Bulletin of Engineering Geology and the Environment

3.041

2019 Journal Impact Factor



Comparison of the Bulletin with other high performance Engineering, Geological journals for the year 2019

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BULLETIN OF ENGINEERING GEOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Impact Factor
3.041 **3.257**
 2019 5 year

JCR ® Category	Rank in Category	Quartile in Category
ENGINEERING, ENVIRONMENTAL	26 of 53	Q2
ENGINEERING, GEOLOGICAL	10 of 39	Q2
GEOSCIENCES, MULTIDISCIPLINARY	55 of 200	Q2

Data from the 2019 edition of Journal Citation Reports

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Research Domain
 Engineering
 Geology

3. SPRINGER JOURNALS OFFICIALLY SIGN TO DORA

Springer Nature became a signatory of DORA (San Francisco Declaration on Research Assessment) on May 20, 2020.

It is recognized that research assessment is a challenge for the academic community and that many stakeholders place a high value on Journal Impact Factor. However, Springer Nature has long recognized, and advocated for, a balanced and fair approach towards the impact and quality of research by considering multiple metrics and other factors. By signing DORA Springer Nature are stating this commitment publically and demonstrate their clear commitment to researchers, authors and editors, in enabling and supporting a balanced and fair way of addressing impact and quality. You may be interested in reading more about this in their press release or on their dedicated DORA landing page.

(https://group.springernature.com/gp/group/media/press-releases/springer-nature-signs-dora/17990874?utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter&utm_content=organic&utm_campaign=sncorp)

Information have been provided below on how this will affect your journal/s.

DORA FAQs

What is DORA?

DORA stands for the Declaration on Research Assessment. It recognizes the need to improve the ways in which the outputs of scholarly research are evaluated. Since the initiation of this declaration in 2012 during the Annual Meeting of the American Society for Cell Biology in San Francisco, it has become a worldwide initiative covering all scholarly disciplines and all key stakeholders including funders, publishers, professional societies, institutions, and researchers. More information can be found on the DORA website (<https://sfdora.org/>).

Why is Springer Nature becoming a signatory of DORA?

Springer Nature is firmly committed to publishing high quality research, and supporting our authors, editors and wider research community, in being able to do so. Whilst we recognize the value that many stakeholders place on Journal Impact Factor, it is only one measure of journal performance and not a measure of research quality. Springer Nature has long recognized, and advocated for, the need to consider multiple measures of journal and research quality to ensure a balanced and fair assessment of a researcher's performance.

Springer Nature works with many societies and publishes numerous journals for or in partnership with societies. Signing up to DORA as a publishing company takes a lot of commitment to ensure that our fully owned content, and that affiliated with us, is on the path to compliance. We have been working in consultation with our society partners and our internal editorial teams to bring our full portfolio in-line with DORA's recommendations for publishers <https://sfdora.org/read/>. Whilst this is a long process as we update our platforms and materials, we are now in a position to be able to sign DORA.

By signing as a publishing company, Springer Nature is demonstrating a company-wide commitment to advancing the global conversation around research assessment across all scholarly

disciplines, supporting transparency and responsible practices in publishing and authorship and to supporting a sustainable approach to research assessment to enable informed publishing choices.

Does this mean we have to stop promoting impact factors?

No. But it's important to bear in mind that impact factors are a measure of the impact of a journal, and not of the quality of the published research. Impact factors should not be used to assess the quality of research, and much more emphasis should be put on research quality than on a singular journal metric. Thus, impact factors should not be promoted in isolation, but alongside other journal and article-level metrics that better assess the quality and impact of particular research. We would ask you to please bear this in mind throughout all of your journal messaging.

How does this benefit my Society?

The good news is that your journal/s is already DORA-compliant and offers a wide array of article-level metrics that can be used to assess the quality of published research. The manuscript pages on Springer link displays article-level metrics, such as accesses, citations, and altmetrics, (where available). In addition, the journals home pages on Springer.com display a wide array of journal metrics including (where available) impact factor, submission to first decision, downloads, and submission to acceptance. Several funding institutions, including Wellcome, ask the universities and other research institutions which employ the researchers they fund to embrace the principles of DORA. We ask you to make sure to highlight the availability of this wide range of metrics when promoting the journal, and that these are always included whenever the journal's impact factor is given in promotional material.

4. CALL FOR MEMBERSHIP UPDATE 2020

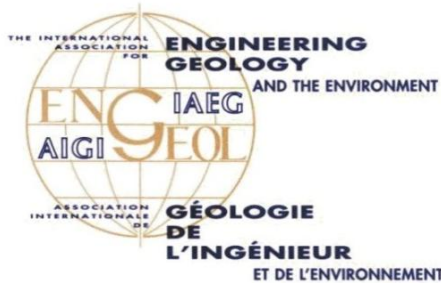
By June 30, 2020, the members of IAEG reached 2387 from 66 national/regional groups, 1105 with Bulletin, 1264 without Bulletin. The Bulletin will be delivered to the members through the email address provided by the national groups.

VP	No.	NG	total	With B.	Without B.	Associate members
Doug Johnson	1	Australia	340	154	185	1
	2	New Zealand	459	179	280	0
Vassilis Marinos	3	Albania	11	1	10	0
	4	Austria	21	11	10	0
	5	Bulgaria	10	7	3	0
	6	Croatia	25	8	17	0
	7	Cyprus				
	8	France	87	41	35	11
	9	Georgia				
	10	Greece	93	27	66	0
	11	Hungary				
	12	Italy				
	13	Portugal				
	14	Romania				
	15	Serbia				
	16	Slovenia				
	17	Spain	40	40	0	0
	18	Switzerland	68	68	0	0
	19	Turkey				
Eugene A. Voznesensky	20	Netherlands	31	31	0	0
	21	Lithuania				
	22	The United Kingdom	292	292	0	0
	23	Belgium	55	26	29	0
	24	Czech Republic				
	25	Denmark				
	26	Estonia				
	27	Finland				
	28	Germany	481	41	440	0
	29	Iceland				
	30	Ireland				
	31	Norway				
	32	Poland				
	33	Russia	85	30	55	
	34	Slovak Republic				
	35	Sweden				
	36	Kyrgyzstan				
	37	Uzbekistan				
Tamunoene Kingdom Simeon Abam	38	Algeria				
	39	Nigeria				
D. Jean Hutchinson	40	South Africa				
	41	Canada	61	57	4	0
	42	Mexico				
	43	USA				

Norberto Jorge Bejerman	44	Argentina				
	45	Brazil				
	46	Colombia				
	47	Costa Rica				
	48	Paraguay				
	49	Peru				
Bo-An Jang Huiming Tang	50	Bangladesh				
	51	China				
	52	Chinese Taipei	83	15	68	0
	53	HongKong SAS	6	4	2	0
	54	India				
	55	Indonesia				
	56	Iran				
	57	Iraq				
	58	Japan	77	65	6	6
	59	Korea				
	60	Malaysia	43	3	40	0
	61	Mongolia	12	3	9	0
	62	Myanmar				
	63	Nepal (NGS)				
		Nepal (NSEG)				
	64	Singapore				
65	SEAGS					
66	Vietnam					
Individual Member			7	2	5	0
Associate Member						
Total			2387	1105	1264	18

5. ANNOUNCEMENT FOR NEW ESTABLISHED NATIONAL GROUPS

The establishment of two new national groups, Costa Rica and Mongolia have been approved by Executive Committee of IAEG. Congratulations to Costa Rica National Group and Mongolia National Group !



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Appointment Letter

The Executive Committee of International Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment (IAEG) has approved the proposal to establish the Costa Rica National Group with full votes. We are officially announcing that the Costa Rica National Group has established, Sergio Mora Castro is appointed as the President and Alexander Goyenaga Soto as the Secretary General of the Costa Rica National Group.

Congratulations to this new National Group!

Best Regards,

President(Signature):
Rafiq Azzam

Secretary General (Signature):
Faquan Wu

Date: June 26th, 2020



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Appointment Letter

The Executive Committee of International Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment (IAEG) has approved the proposal to establish the Mongolian National Group with full votes. We are officially announcing that the the Mongolian National Group has established, Sugarsuren Ganbaatar is appointed as the President and Batbayar Batkhuu as the Secretary General of the Mongolian National Group.

Congratulations to this new National Group!

Best Regards,

President(Signature):
Rafiq Azzam

Secretary General (Signature):
Faquan Wu

Date: June 16th, 2020

6. ANNOUCEMENT FOR HCM, MAM 2020

According to the outcome of three rounds of anonymous votes by executive committee of IAEG, Prof. Faquan WU nominated by China National Group won Hans Cloos Medal 2020 of IAEG. Congratulations to Prof. Faquan WU!



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NOTIFICATION OF HANS CLOOS MEDAL RECIPIENT

Dear Professor Faquan Wu and Professor Shengwen Qi,

I am very pleased to inform you that the recipient of Hans Cloos Medal 2020 is Professor Faquan Wu, nominated by the Chinese National Group. The decision is made by the Executive Committee via the online voting. With the secret votes by the Executive Committee members on two candidates nominated by National Groups China and USA, the Executive Committee decided to award the Hans Cloos Medal for the year 2020 to Professor Faquan Wu for his excellent contribution to the development of engineering geology.

Congratulations to Professor Faquan Wu and the Chinese National Group!

Best Regards,

Professor Rafiq Azzam
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Prof. Matin Culshaw nominated by UK national group won Marcel Arnould Medal 2020 of IAEG.

Congratulations to Prof. Martin Culshaw!



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NOTIFICATION OF MARCEL ARNOULD MEDAL RECIPIENT

Dear Martin and Helen,

It is my great pleasure to inform you that the recipient of Marcel Arnould Medal 2020 is Prof. Martin Culshaw, nominated by the UK National Group. The decision is made by the Executive Committee via the online voting. With the secret votes by the Executive Committee members on five candidates nominated by National Groups Kyrgyzstan, Australia, Bulgaria, UK and Netherlands, the Executive Committee decided to award the Marcel Arnould Medal for the year 2020 to Prof. Martin Culshaw for his significant contribution to the engineering geology profession in the region and his outstanding service to the Association.

Congratulations to Prof. Martin Culshaw and the UK National Group!

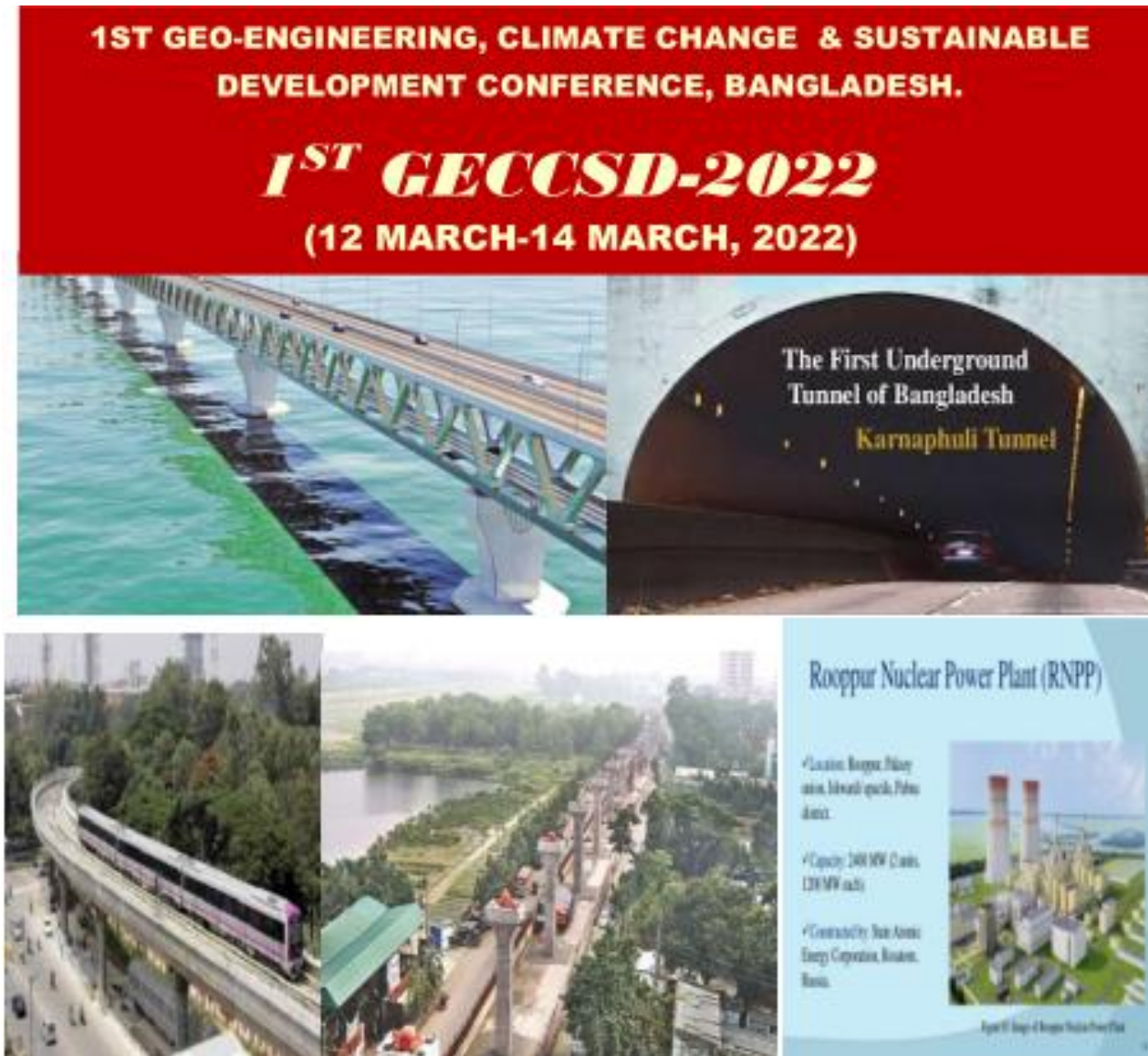
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7. EVENTS OF NATIONAL / REGIONAL GROUPS

Bangladesh National Group

Due to the current COVID-19 epidemiological situation, the 1st Geo-engineering, Climate Change & Sustainable Development Conference has been postponed to March 12-14, 2022. It will be held at Jahangirnagar University, Savar, Dhaka. Please refer to <https://iaegbng.com/iaeg/> for the detailed information. If you have any inquiry, please contact the committee by iaegbng@gmail.com or call +880-191-4897282.



Nigeria National Group

1. Inauguration Of The New Executive Council For 2020-2021

At the 2019 Annual International Conference of the Association which doubled as the 2nd Africa Regional Congress of the IAEG, elections were held for a new executive council. The inauguration ceremony for the elected officers was held on 20th March, 2020 at the Prof. Omar Rahaman Mini-Conference Hall, Department of Geology, University of Ibadan, Nigeria.

The inaugurated officials are: The President, Prof. M. N. Tijani FNAEGE; VP (South), Mr. Waliu.

Kayode Adeolu FNAEGE; VP (North), Dr. Salome Waziri MNAEGE; Gen. Secretary, Mr. Fidelis Abija MNAEGE; Asst. Gen. Secretary Mr. Cyril Mbachu MNAEGE; Treasurer, Dr. Nkechi Komolafe MNAEGE; Fin. Secretary, Mrs. Attah Fakeye MNAEGE; Asst. Fin. Secretary (North), Stephen Obrike MNAEGE; Publicity Secretary / PRO, Mr. Frank Ebareme Ikuewan FNAEGE; Social Secretary / Special Duty Mr. Prosper Jeremiah Ogbunie MNAEGE; Editor in Chief, Dr. Ibrahim Oyediran FNAEGE; Deputy Editor in Chief, Dr. E. Oborie MNAEGE; Young Engineering Geologist (YEG) Rep, Mrs. Abimbola Aluko MNAEGE; and IPP. Prof. T. K. S. Abam FNAEGE.

The dignitaries at the events were: The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ibadan, Prof. Abel I. Olayinka and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Prof. A.S. Adebowale as special guests; Prof. Amudalat B. Olaniyan, Wife of the Deputy Governor of Oyo state as the guest of honour and chairperson of the occasion; the past presidents of NAEGE in persons of Sir. Prof. S. C. Teme and Prof. G.O. Adeyemi, and the current President, Engr. O.S Nkom and the members Executive council of the Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society (NMGS),

During the Inauguration ceremony, the published Proceeding of the Abuja 2019 NAEGE Conference was also unveiled and launched.



The Chairperson, Prof. Amudalat B. Olaniyan making her speech



Vice Chancellor, University of Ibadan, Prof. A. I. Olayinka launching the conference proceedings



VP, Africa Region, Prof. T. K. S. Abam installing the President



VP, Africa Region, Prof. T. K. S. Abam. congratulates the President while his wife cherishes the moment



Members of the high table listening to the Vice Chancellors remark



The NAEGE Council for 2020 - 2021



Launching of the conference proceedings by the President, Nigerian Mining and Geosciences Society, Engr. O. S. Nkom



Inauguration of Ibadan Chapter of NAEGE

2. Naege Webinar Series

During the lockdown caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Association host a series of webinars with the first in the series titled: **Writing Scientific Research Manuscripts and Technical Reports in Geosciences**, delivered by Prof. Moshood N. Tijani ^{FNAEGE} which was held on Wednesday 10th June, 2020.

The next webinar in the series is going to be delivered by Prof. T.K.S. Abam on 24th June, 2020 at 01:00pm. The title of the webinar is: Soil Characterization with the Cone Penetrometer: Data Acquisition and Interpretation.

The webinar series is expected to be a regular monthly activity of the association.

3. Call For Abstracts For The 2020 Naege Annual Conference

The annual international conference of the Association is slated for the first week in September and the call for abstracts has already been published (see the flyer below). However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the plan is underway to make the conference a virtual conference.

NIGERIAN ASSOCIATION FOR ENGINEERING GEOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT (NAEGE)

5th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

IBADAN 2020

6th - 9th September, 2020.

Theme:

ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENGINEERING GEOLOGY AS INVALUABLE TOOL FOR SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Sub-Themes

1. Preconstruction Investigation for Structures
2. Evaluation of Naturally Occurring Construction Materials
3. Influence of Groundwater on Stability of Structures
4. Environmental Impact Assessments
5. Slopes Stability Analysis
6. Landfill Design and Characterisation

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

ABSTRACTS (300-400 words) and 6-Page MANUSCRIPTS are to be submitted to Chairman, Technical sub-committee in MS-Word format
PROF. A.Y.B. ANIFOWOSE
 08036670047
 e-mail: naegeibadan2020abstract@gmail.com

Deadline for submission of Abstracts 20TH JULY, 2020

ATTENTION PLEASE!

Note that due to the COVID-19 PANDEMIC, this year's Conference may be virtual (e-conference). Therefore kindly submit your abstracts ON TIME to enable us prepare PROGRAMMES & BOOK OF ABSTRACTS. Also submit early, your 6-Page Manuscripts for publication in the BOOK OF PROCEEDINGS!

CONFERENCE FEES

- MEMBERS - N12,000
- NON-MEMBERS/FELLOWS - N15,000
- STUDENTS - N5,000
- INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERS - N50,000
- INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPANTS - \$150

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Japan National Group

Japan Society of Engineering Geology (JSEG) holds annual assembly and Technical Symposium every year, but this year to prevent infection with COVID-19, held only annual assembly on June 19 in Tokyo.

Prof. Masahiko OSADA was appointed for the new President for JSEG. He belongs to Saitama University, Department of Civil and Environmental



Engineering, and is the head of the department this year.

Prof. Masahiro CHIGIRA continues with the Chairman for IAEG Japan National Group. Prof. Masahiko OSADA

We, Japan National Group, would like to offer our congratulations to Prof. Faquan Wu for receiving Hans Cloos Medal 2020, and Prof. Martin Culshaw for receiving Marcel Arnould Medal 2020. Their great contributions for IAEG activities and improvements of the IAEG bulletin are admirable.



Group photo of new Directors and Key members of JSEG on June 19, 2020 in Tokyo
(All members took off their masks in this photo)

USA National Group



The Association of Environmental & Engineering Geologists (AEG) has been monitoring the ongoing situation with respect to the COVID-19 virus, with our members, friends and 2020 Annual Meeting attendees' health and safety as a top priority. It is with sincere regret that, for the first time in AEG's history, we have no choice but to cancel the in-person 2020 Annual Meeting, which was due to take place this September in Portland, Oregon. The Governor of Oregon has mandated that no large gatherings can take place through September 2020.

The in-person Portland Annual Meeting has been rescheduled to September 19-24, 2023 at the same hotel, the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront following the 2021 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas and the 2022 Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Meanwhile, we are in the process of planning a replacement virtual Annual Meeting for the same dates of September 16-18, 2020 in order to bring our exciting program to you. We will be posting information on our website and the AEG Insider as soon as the details are confirmed.

AEG continues to serve our members and industry ensuring that our community will thrive during these uncertain times. Thank you for your continued commitment to AEG!

8. EVENTS OF COMMISSIONS

Commission 39

Spring 2020 News Update of Naturally Occurring Asbestos

Major Accomplishments:

In 2020, the NOA Commission has increased its membership to include two additional members with strong backgrounds in protecting workers and the public from exposure to NOA:

Mr. Philip Hibbs, CIH, Principal, Hibbs Consultants, Sydney, Australia

Mr. Thomas Zdeb, PG, CIH, Senior Project Chemist & Geologist, AECOM, Santa Ana, CA, USA

The NOA Commission has created 4 sub-groups (Working Groups) tasked to work on global guidance document recommendations for:

- Field Methods & Sampling
- Laboratory Analysis Methods (PLM, TEM, SEM)
- Construction Mitigation Measures (for construction sites, employee protection, public protection, minimizing air emissions)
- Erionite (emerging & currently non-regulated elongate mineral with reportedly similar health effects as the 6 regulated asbestos minerals)

The Commission has created its own website to more efficiently relay information, post links, and share images (Find us at <http://noa-emp.info>) It is also working closely with the group in charge of the website “Wiki-NOA”, a site run by a group of NOA researchers in Italy with extensive information on NOA.

Monthly Meetings

Our group is currently meeting monthly online (which works best for connecting with our group members in the US, Italy, South Korea, and Australia).

Publication of a Special Edition of the E&EG Journal on Naturally Occurring Asbestos

The Special NOA-themed issue of the E&EG Journal was published in February 2020! We are proud to have 20 papers published by authors who participated in the 2018 International NOA Symposium in San Francisco. We believe that this is the first NOA-specific journal to ever be published. We published peer-reviewed papers from Australia, Italy, France, Korea, Germany, New Caledonia, and the USA.

FDA Hearing on Talc in Consumer Products

In February, the US Food & Drug Administration (FDA) Consumer Products Safety Commission held a public hearing to discuss work that has been done over the past year by the Interagency Working Group on Asbestos in Consumer Products (IWGACP) made up of representatives from the FDA, CDC/NIOSH, USGS, ATSDR CPSC, to improve methods for the identification and regulation of asbestos commonly found in talc. Talc is used in many consumer products including beauty products (blush, eye shadow, etc), baby powders, and included for “shimmer” effect in other types of cosmetics, including “toy” cosmetics that are marketed to children and sold at childrens’

clothing and accessory stores (Claire's, Justice, drugstores, etc). The presence of asbestos within talc has been linked to various cancers, including ovarian cancer.

Several members of NOA-EMP and past symposium speakers attended this hearing to hear the recommendations presented by the IWGACP. In March 2020 the NOA Commission submitted an official position statement in support of the work of the FDA IWGACP.

Meetings and Events Schedule:

Online International Symposium on NOA

The Commission held an online NOA Symposium on May 13 and 14, 2020 which featured a group of 15 speakers from around the world including the countries of Italy, France, Germany, New Caledonia and the United States. Speakers were from government, academia and private industry. Over 100 individuals and/or organizations attended each day. The event was considered a great success with much positive feedback, and particularly as it was organized on very short notice as a result of the cancellation of the EGU 2020 NOA Symposium which was slated to occur a week earlier in Vienna, Austria which was primarily organized by the Dr. Francesco Turci, NOA Commission Vice President, as well as his colleagues Dr. Luca Barale and Dr. Jasmine Petriglieri. Each session was recorded and will be posted soon on our website: noa-emp.info.

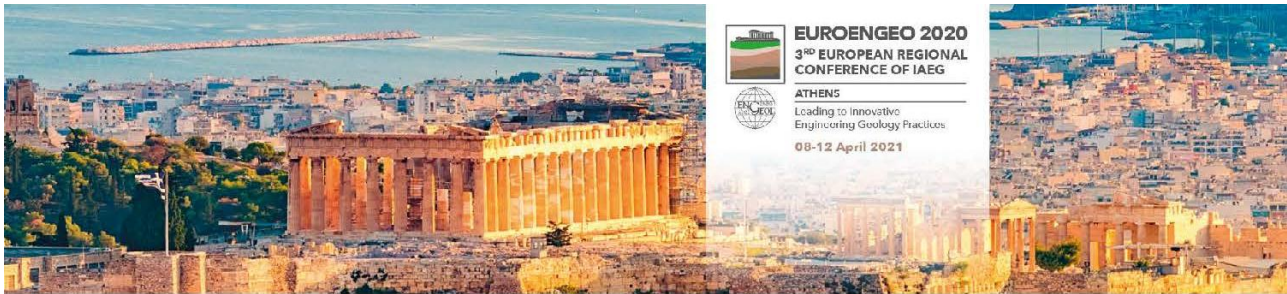
Upcoming NOA Symposium – Half day planned within AEG's Online Annual Meeting: September 2020

We are accepting abstracts until June 15th for one of 9 spots within the NOA Symposium to be held on Thursday, September 17 at 9am Central USA time (7am Pacific / 10am Eastern). For more information and to submit an abstract, visit AEG's Annual Meeting website: aegannualmeeting.org.

9. 3RD EUROPEAN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

In view of the escalating challenges we all face as a result of the Coronavirus-COVID-19 pandemic and the need to safeguard the health and wellbeing of our exhibitors and visitors, we would like to inform you that the EUROENGEО 2020 will be postponed to **April 8-12, 2021**. The IAEG Working Meetings will be held on **April 8, 2021**, and the post-conference field trips on **April 12-13, 2021**.

Please refer to <http://euroengeo2020.org> for the detailed information and contact info@euroengeo2020.org for any query.



Dear Colleagues and friends,

After careful consideration, and in light of the ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) healthy and financial developments, we are postponing **EUROENGEО2020** to **mid spring 2021**. Rescheduling the event will enable us to provide the experience that our participants, sponsors and faculty members expect and deserve.

The new dates are **8th to 12th of April 2021**.

Although we have received a remarkable number of extended abstracts from the global scientific community, travel restrictions may prevent participants from joining the conference, even though Greece remains one of the safest countries in the world.

This decision was made after consulting with **IAEG, local communities, organizing committee, partners, sponsors and staff**, to whom we would like to express gratitude for their understanding, patience and continued support.

We remain excited to host you in a few months and please keep in mind that the latest information will always be available at www.euroengeo2020.org.

Your abstract submission and registration, will automatically be applied to the rescheduled event.

Please contact us for any queries at info@euroengeo2020.org.

Be safe and looking forward seeing you in April 2021.

Sincerely,

The Organizing Committee

10. MEETING INFORMATION

Sousse, Tunisia, November 2-5, 2020

The 3rd Conference of the Arabian Journal of Geosciences (CAJG)



We would like to express our heartfelt appreciation to all authors of the Arabian Journal of Geosciences (AJGS) for their trust in us and to our reviewers and editors for their continued support. It was only with their co-operation, enthusiasm, and spirit that we have been able to make the AJGS a great success.

In continuation of the 2nd Conference of the Arabian Journal of Geosciences (CAJG) which was successfully organized in 2019, it is a pleasure and an honor to invite you to attend the 3rd CAJG , which will be held on 2–5 November 2020 on the waterfront of the Port El Kantaoui in Sousse, Tunisia.

The conference covers a wide range of topics that reflect the AJGS's multiple scientific interests. It is an opportunity to invite and thank the authors, reviewers and editors who have supported and been associated with the AJGS from the beginning. Top researchers from all fields of geosciences will present their original work during these four days. To this end, a number of prominent speakers have agreed to give keynote presentations. Moreover, we are planning workshops, a social program and field trips, where participants can take a little time out to explore the wonders of the geological sites of Tunisia.

Conference Information

Website: <https://www.cajg.org/>;

Venue: Mövenpick Resort & Marine Spa Sousse

E-mail: contact@cajg.org (general enquiries); submission@cajg.org (submission);

nabil.khelifi@springer.com (publication and special issues);

Aim and Scope

The 3rd CAJG aims to bring geoscientists from all over the world to present and discuss their most recent findings. The 3rd CAJG will continue to publish the newest findings in its proceedings and some special issues by Springer, with a clear mission to drive greater North-South (Europe-Africa) scientific cooperation and to open doors to new and enriching collaborations with geoscientists based in Asia and the Americas. Research studies from the wide-ranging fields of Earth sciences can be submitted for evaluation by the Conference Scientific Committee. In particular, the 3rd CAJG will devote a special session to studies focusing on unravelling the undiscovered oil and gas resources in the Mediterranean and North Africa. Many international experts will be invited to take part in the discussion, in particular we are expecting a massive participation of researchers from North Africa Research Group (NARG) of Manchester University (UK) and other scientists based in North Africa.

Delhi, India, August 16-21, 2021

36th International Geological Congress

Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, the organization committee of the 36th International Geological Congress has been rescheduled to August 16-21, 2021.

Scheduling was constrained by the limited availability of the venue site in New Delhi in 2021. The IUGS Executive Committee and its constituent groups will work hard to ensure the success of the rescheduled Congress.



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Venue : India Expo Centre & Mart

Cordoba, Argentina, September 6 -10, 2021

1st IAEG South American Regional Conferences & 2021 Congress of the IAEG National Group of Argentina



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The 1st Regional South American Conference of IAEG, which will take place in the city of Córdoba in coincidence with the 2nd Argentine Congress of Geology Applied to Engineering and the Environment. The event will take place between September 6 and 10, 2021 within the Córdoba Regional Faculty of the National Technological University. The activity marks the return of IAEG to the region after 35 years, so we trust that the initiative will be a pleasant moment for its participants, involving the scientific and professional community of the region.

The main goal of the conference is *to share knowledge and practical experience in dealing with issues on Geology applied to society development.*

Contact Information

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Venue : Regional Cordoba Faculty of the National Technology University

Schedule

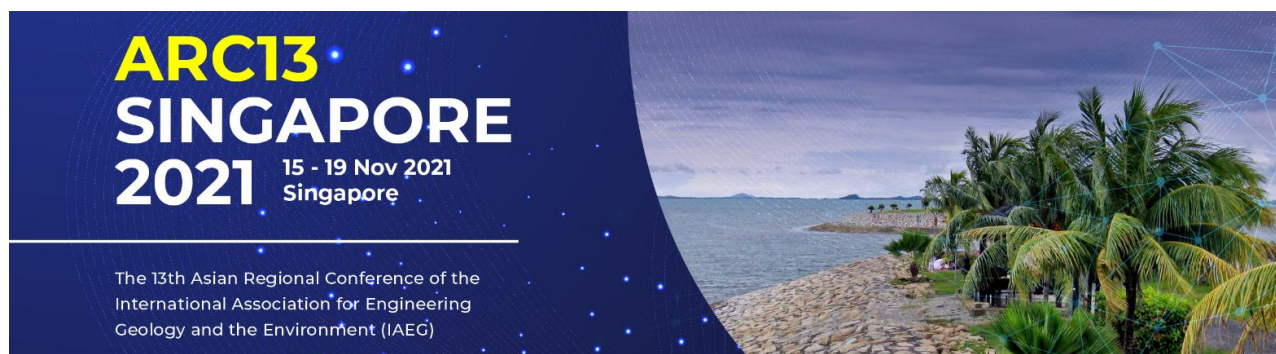
9/04 (Saturday)	9/5 (Sunday)	9/6 (Monday)	9/7 (Tuesday)	9/8 (Wednesday)	9/9 (Thursday)	9/10 (Friday)
IAEG Executive Committee Meeting	IAEG Council Meeting	IAEG Executive Committee and IAEG Council Participants Field Trip Regional Members Meeting Courses	Pre-event Field Trip Courses Companion Tour	Opening Ceremony Conferences Concurrent Session YEG Session Poster Session	Conferences Concurrent Session Poster Session Banquet	Concurrent Session Closing Ceremony

Theme

- Thematic Cartography
- Medical Geology
- Environmental Geology
- Coastal Geology
- Urban Geology and Territorial Planning
- Intergrated Management of Water Resources
- Geological Parks and Geotourism
- Industrial Rocks and other Materials for Engineering Use

Singapore, November 15 - 19, 2021

The 13th Asian Regional Conference of IAEG



ARC 13 is co-organized by Society for Rock Mechanics & Engineering Geology (Singapore) and The Geological Society of Hong Kong. The organizers offer an ideal opportunity and platform for professionals from the international engineering geology community to exchange the latest experiences and ideas on engineering geology, particularly on the conference theme “Engineering Geology for Sustainable Resource and Infrastructure Development”. In addition to the technical programs, we will organize short courses, workshops, technical visits, exhibitions, as well social programs. We will also offer attractive programs for young researchers and students, such as Young Engineering Geologist Session.

In 2019, Singapore released an underground masterplan that maps out the underground space and its potential use. Singapore thus has great needs for resource and infrastructure development, which is well supported by high-level research from the industry and academia. Singapore is much more than the sum of its numerous attractions. It’s constantly evolving, reinventing, and reimagining itself, with people who are passionate about creating new possibilities.

Conference Information

Date : November 15-19, 2021 (Postponed from May 3-7, 2021)

Website : <http://www.iaeg-arc13.org/public.asp?page=index.asp>

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Important Dates

Abstract Submission Opens & Deadline	November 1, 2020 – January 31, 2021
Notify Abstract Acceptance & Deadline	December 15, 2020
Short/Full Paper Submission Opens & Deadline	February 1, 2021 – May 15, 2021
Notify Paper Acceptance	From May 15, 2021

Topics

- Applied Geomorphology and Structural Geology
- Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering
- Rock Mechanics and Underground Space
- Site Investigation and Geological Model
- Slope Stability and Landslides
- Geohazard Engineering and Risk Assessment

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