

IAEG Electronic Newsletter

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From the website editor

In addition to the IAEG website www.iaeg.info we intend to issue at regular time intervals of 2 to 3 months the Electronic Newsletter. This Electronic Newsletter will be sent to IAEG members registered through the IAEG website, to the IAEG officers, and to the IAEG National Groups and Commissions. The Electronic Newsletter will contain news items such as announcement of scientific and administrative IAEG meetings, activities of commissions, news about sister societies ISRM, and ISSMGE, progress reports of Commissions, etc. The announcements contained in this Newsletter are also published on the IAEG Website www.iaeg.info . For further information, documents, etc. reference is made to the website.

We hope that this additional service to the IAEG membership will be appreciated and we would like to receive your comments.

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IAEG website news:

IAEG members can register at the website

After opening the IAEG website individuals can register for IAEG membership at the website. This will give you access to more web pages, with valuable documents and other information. At the website you can also open the information of the national group in your country (or another country through which you would like to subscribe to the IAEG). Subscription to the IAEG must be done officially through the national Group. At regular time intervals we will check with each national group if web registered person are also subscribed at their national group. If website registration is not supported by subscription to a National Group then your website registration will be cancelled by the webmaster.

Commissions can edit their own pages at the IAEG website

Our webmaster Boudewijn van Veen (webmaster@iaeg.info) has prepared guidelines for the Commissions chairs/secretaries to explain them on their task to edit their own web pages on our website. If you wish to use this possibility please contact Boudewijn so that he can send you the instructions and give you the appropriate authorisation for your pages.

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New IAEG Executive Committee

At the IAEG Council Meeting in Nottingham on September 6th 2006 a new Executive Committee for the IAEG has been elected. New president for the years 2007 to 2010 is Dr. Fred Baynes from Perth, Australia. Secretary General Michel Deveughele has been re-elected, but will transfer his duties to Deputy Secretary General Sebastien Dupray before the end of the present period. Treasurer Pierre Potherat has been re-elected for four years.

For a complete list of Executive Committee members (including all regional vice-presidents) with their contact details see the IAEG website at: <http://www.iaeg.info/Default.aspx?tabid=60>

After the Council meeting a photograph was taken of all past presidents present in Nottingham. This photograph can be seen at: <http://www.iaeg.info/Default.aspx?tabid=94>

Other important decisions of the IAEG Council Meeting in Nottingham:

- At the IAEG Executive Committee and Council Meetings in Nottingham on September 5th and 6th, 2007 a number of other important decisions have been taken for the future of the IAEG:
 - The Editorial Board of the Bulletin of the IAEG will be restructured. Until recently the Executive Committee functioned as editorial board. Presently discussions are being held between the editor in chief Brian Hawkins and the IAEG President Fred Baynes about a new composition of the editorial board. As soon as these discussions are rounded off, the new composition will be published in our Bulletin, on our website, and in the Electronic Newsletter.
 - The next 11th International Congress of the IAEG will be held in Auckland, New Zealand, from 5 to 10 September 2010. See also www.nzgeotechsoc.org.nz <<http://www.nzgeotechsoc.org.nz/>> or mail to Ann Williams, IAEG 2010 Organizing Committee (ann.williams@beca.com).
- The IAEG Council has approved with great majority the proposed set of Clauses of the Cooperation Agreement of IAEG with the sister societies ISRM and ISSMGE. This means that the agreement can be finally approved by the three Associations after approval of the draft agreement clauses by the Councils of ISRM (in the mean time approved in November 2006) and ISSMGE (to be discussed in their Council meeting in October 2007). The draft Federation Clauses are available at [this page](#).

Federation of International Geo-engineering Societies (FIGS) News.

In Nottingham, not only the IAEG Council has taken important decisions concerning the adherence of IAEG to FIGS, but on September 9th also a Board Meeting of FIGS was held. Another meeting of FIGS was held in Lisbon on January 22nd .

Joint technical committees (JTC's) of FIGS.

The FIGS Board has established a number of Joint Technical Committees. Some of these JTC's are covering new fields of interest, other JTC's are the result of a combination of Technical Commissions of the three Societies.

Each of the three associations appoints three core members to each JTC, while the FIGS Board appoints the chair and determines which association will host the JTC and will be responsible for the implementation of its Terms of Reference. The FIGS Board has approved guidelines for the functioning of JTC These guidelines can be downloaded from [this webpage](#).

The following JTC's have already been established, others are still under consideration

| JTC No | Title | Chairman | Hosted by |
|---------------|---|---------------------------|------------------|
| JTC1 | Landslides and Engineered Slopes | Willy Lacerda | ISSMGE |
| JTC2 | Representation of Geo-Engineering Data | David Toll | ISSMGE |
| JTC3 | Education and Training | Prof. Gonzalez de Vallejo | IAEG |
| JTC4 | Professional Practice | Harry Poulos | ISSMGE |
| JTC5 | Sustainable Use of Underground Space | Ed de Mulder | IAEG |
| JTC6 | Ancient Monuments/Historical Sites (IAEG) | B. Christaras | IAEG |
| JTC7 | Soft Rocks and Indurated Soils (ISRM) | Milton KanjiMilton Kanji | ISRM |
| JTC12* | Geological and Geotechnical Heterogeneity | F. Barends | ISSMGE |

* (not activated yet) The start of the JTC12, and its Terms of Reference has been in principle agreed upon, but members still have to be appointed.

Announcements

Proceedings of 10th International Congress of IAEG in Nottingham, September 2006

The proceedings of the 10th International Congress of the IAEG can now be accessed through <http://www.iaeg.info/iaeg2006/start.htm>

Calendar

- Vail/Colorado, USA June 3 - 10 2007 First North American Landslide Conference
www.mines.edu/academic/geology/landslidevail2007/
- London, UK, September 10 - 12 2007 Earth Sciences in the Service of Society
www.geolsoc.org.uk/bicentenaryconference
- Seoul, Korea, October 16 - 19 2007 Sixth Asian Regional Conference on Geohazards in Engineering Geology www.engeo.or.kr

- Changsha, China, November 28 - 30 2007 Second GT07 conference on Soil and Rock Engineering, Engineering Geology and Environmental Geotechnics www.cipremier.org
- Malaysia, July 28 - 30 2008 Recent advances in Engineering Geology www.cipremier.org
- Madrid, Spain, September 15 - 20 2008 Eurengo 2008, The city and its subterranean environment www.op.upm.es/aegain/inicio.htm
- Xi'an, China, June 30 - July 4 2008 Tenth International Symposium on Landslides and Engineered Slopes (ISL) www.landslide.iwhr.com
- Oslo, Norway, August 2008 33rd International Geological Congress www.33igc.org
- Edinburgh, Scotland, September 7 - 10 2008 Fourth European Geosynthetics Conference www.eurogeo4.org
- Chiangmai, Thailand, early December 2008 Third GT08 Conference on Soil and Rock Engineering, Engineering Geology and Environmental Geotechnics www.cipremier.org

New links

- www.geoengineer.org
Center for integrating information in geo-engineering. Is committed in supporting geo-professionals by classifying and promoting existing as well as developing new resources in geo-engineering.
- www.ingentaconnect.com/content/geol/qjeg
Online access to the Quarterly Journal of Engineering Geology and Hydrogeology of the Geological Society UK