



**Statement of Intent for  
Presidency of the IAEG 2023  
to 2026**

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I have been a member of the IAEG since beginning my career more than 30 years ago. I participated in my first IAEG Congress in Vancouver in 1998 and in most Council meetings since Lyon 2005. I was convenor of the IAEG Congress held in Auckland, New Zealand, in 2010 and Vice-President (Australasia) for the term 2011 to 2014.

As such, I recognise the value of the Association in bringing together Engineering Geologists from across the globe to share and learn from each other, to discuss and debate, and to nurture and grow future thinking. I truly value the relationships I have established through the IAEG and have a real desire to ensure that engineering geologists worldwide continue to have this forum to network, publish, learn and be presented with opportunities that they might not otherwise have had.

Throughout my career I have demonstrated a passion for engineering geology, and for delivering a values-driven and strategic approach to my leadership. I bring governance experience from time spent as treasurer and chair of the New Zealand Geotechnical Society, and Vice President (Australasia) of the International Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment. And, I bring a deep commercial risk understanding from my role on Beca Group's Audit and Risk committee. Most recently I was elected to the Board of Engineering New Zealand, which allows me to both support and challenge our industry in New Zealand.

Through these experiences I have demonstrated my diversity of thought, objectivity and willingness to speak up. As a life-long learner, I recently began a personal journey towards better understanding Te Ao Māori (the world view of New Zealand's indigenous people), reinforcing and deepening my appreciation for meaningful partnership with Māori as collaborators, to enable and deliver better outcomes for current and future generations of New Zealanders. As President of the IAEG, I recognise that I would represent the global engineering geological community – I cherish that, together with the Executive Committee, I would have the ability to influence diversity, equity and sustainability in the global community.

I believe I am well positioned to help the IAEG support engineering geologists around the world in meeting the challenges of our profession in a dynamic and rapidly changing environment. I am excited to work with a committed team of national representatives, young engineering geologists, the Secretariat and past Presidents who share a vision to lead the profession forward over the next four years.