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From the website editor:

This is the **nr 2 Electronic Newsletter** of the IAEG. It has been sent to those IAEG members who are registered through the IAEG website, and will be sent to the IAEG officers, and to the IAEG National Groups and Commissions and it is accessible through the IAEG website (www.iaeg.info)

This Electronic Newsletter contains news items such as announcement of scientific and administrative IAEG meetings, news about sister societies ISRM, and ISSMGE, an updated Calendar with details on upcoming events, and a list of valuable links.

The announcements contained in this Newsletter will also be published on the IAEG Website www.iaeg.info . For further information, documents, etc., reference is made to the website.

We plan to produce an Electronic Newsletter 4 times per year and hope that this additional service to the IAEG will be appreciated and we invite you to send us your comments and suggestions.

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IAEG website

IAEG members can register at the website

Individuals can register for access to the IAEG website (www.iaeg.info) This will give them access to more web pages, with valuable documents and other information. Such registration at the website does not mean subscription as a member of the IAEG. This must be done separately through an existing National Group, or through the Secretariate General of IAEG for those countries where no National Group exists. At regular time intervals we will check if web registered persons are also subscribed at their national group or at the Secretary General. If website registration is not supported by official IAEG subscription, then the 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 how to edit their own web pages on our website. If you wish to use this possibility please download these instructions from the website (the website manual appears after you have registered and logged in) and contact webmaster Boudewijn so that he can give you permission for access to the pages for your Commission, National Group, etc.

IAEG Executive Committee and Council News

Meetings of IAEG Executive Committee and Council in Vail, Colorado, USA

Important decisions taken in Vail are the following

Hans Cloos Medal 2008 will be awarded to Prof. Wang Sijing, P.R. of China, who will deliver the Hans Cloos lecture in Madrid at the Euroengeo Conference, in Madrid, September 2008

Richard Wolters Prize 2008 will be awarded to Dr. Marcus Scholz, Germany at the Euroengeo Conference, in Madrid, September 2008

New fee structure for IAEG membership as from January 1st 2008 will be as follows

	Without Bulletin	With Bulletin
Members of National Groups	Normal fee	37 Euro
	Reduced fee	29 Euro
Individual Members	25 Euro	50 Euro
Associated Members	150 Euro	150 Euro

Next meetings of the IAEG Council and Executive Committee

The 2008 meetings in Madrid, Spain, September 13 and 14, 2008 before the *European Regional Conference of IAEG Euroengeo 2008*

The 2009 meetings in Chengdu, China, September 2009, before the Asian Regional Conference of IAEG

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>

The Bulletin of Engineering Geology and the Environment

A new Editorial Board has been appointed, assisting the Editor-in-Chief Brian Hawkins and the Co-Editor Roger Cojean

Agreement has been reached with Springer (the publisher of the IAEG Bulletin) to gradually raise the number of Bulletin pages from 430 pages in 2006 over 500 pages in 2007 and to 600 pages in 2008. As a consequence Springer will charge for IAEG member subscriptions 24 Euro per year instead of 20 Euro per year, starting January 1st 2007. This has been considered in the new membership fees with Bulletin (see above)

Federation of International Geo-engineering Societies (FIGS)

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 during our Nottingham 10th International Congress.

The Council of the International Society for Rock Mechanics (ISRM) has unanimously approved the Clauses of the Federation Agreement in its meeting in Singapore, November 7th, 2006.

The International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE) has just discussed the proposal of membership in FIGS at its Council meeting on October 19th 2007 in Brisbane, Australia and has approved it in great majority.

This means that the International Federation of Geo-engineering Societies (FIGS) can now start officially with its work in the interest of the Geo-engineering community worldwide. January 25th 2008 the FIGS Board (consisting of the Presidents, immediate past Presidents and Secretaries General of the three Associations) will meet in London to elect a President of FIGS and choose the location for the Secretariat of FIGS. The IAEG candidate for the FIGS presidency is our past-president Ricardo Oliveira from Portugal.

The approved Federation Clauses can be downloaded from: www.iaeg.info via [the Association and FIGS](#)

Board meetings of FIGS

June 11th 2007 the Board of FIGS met in Paris, hosted by IAEG. Important issues were

- Review of the progress reports of the Joint technical committees (JTC's) (see also Electronic Newsletter nr 1)
- Review and final drafting of the Sub-clauses of the FIGS cooperation agreement
The FIGS Board has approved guidelines for the functioning of JTC's. The guidelines can be downloaded from webpage: <http://www.iaeg.info> via [the Association and FIGS](#)
The start of JTC 12 (*Geological and Geotechnical Heterogeneity, chair Prof. F. Barends, the Netherlands*) Our website will soon be updated with information on this JTC.

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Announcements

Free access to all papers presented to the 10th International Congress of IAEG in Nottingham Congress is possible through www.iaeg.info/iaeg2006/start.htm

Calendar

Changsha, China, November 28 – 30 2007 *Second GT07 conference on Soil and Rock Engineering, Engineering Geology and Environmental Geotechnics* www.cipremier.org

London, UK, November 2007 *International Conference on Ground Anchorages and Anchored Structures in Service* vidya.gunapala@ice.org.uk

Bangkok, Thailand December 6 – 7 2007 *International Symposium on Geotechnical Engineering, Ground Improvement and Geosynthetics for Human Security and Environmental Preservation* www.set.ait.ac.th/acsig/conference email: gedmar08@hdu.edu

Santos, Brazil, December 9 to 13 2007, *2 Simposio Brasileiro de Desastres Naturais e Tecnologicos* www.acquacon.com.br-2sibraden

Constantza, Romania, June 2 – 4 2008, *First International Conference on Education and Training in Geo-engineering Sciences* www.ppm.ro/srgf or e-mail maniolu@utcb.ro

Fairbanks, Alaska, USA, June 29 – July 3 2008, *Ninth International Conference on Permafrost* www.nicop.org

Malaysia, July 24 – 26 2008 *Landslides and stability of slopes conference and*
Malaysia, July 28 – 30 2008 *New Developments in Engineering Geology* www.cipremier.org

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

Madrid, Spain, September 15 – 20 2008 *European Regional Conference of IAEG Euroengeo 2008, The city and its subterranean environment* www.euroengeo.com and email: info@euroengeo.com

Tokyo, Japan, November 18 – 21 2008 *First World Landslide Forum* www.ICL.dpri.kyoto-u.ac.jp

Sanya, P.R.China, November 20-22, 2008 *Third International Conference on New Development in Rock Mechanics and Engineering* www.ndrm2008.cn

Chiangmai, Thailand, early December 2008 *Third GT08 Conference on Soil and Rock Engineering, Engineering Geology and Environmental Geotechnics* www.cipremier.org

Chengdu, China, September 2009,

Auckland, New Zealand, September 5 to 10, 2010 *11th International Congress of the IAEG*. See also www.nzgeotechsoc.org.nz or mail to Ann Williams, IAEG 2010 Organizing Committee (ann.williams@beca.com).

Valuable 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; access and subscription to Newsletter, Forums and Bulletin Boards, Geo-Website Network, photogallery, etc.

www.ingentaconnect.com/content/geol/qjeg Online access to the **Quarterly Journal of Engineering Geology and Hydrogeology** of the Geological Society UK

www.iaeg.info/iaeg2006/start.htm **Proceedings of 10th International Congress of IAEG in Nottingham** : free access to all the papers presented to the Congress

www.geolsoc.org.uk/gsl/groups/specialist/engineering **Engineering group of the Geological Society of London** : access to news, announcements, calendar, etc.

www.geo.uio.no/IPA **International Permafrost Association** : access to pdf files of all issues of the News Bulletin *Frozen Ground*

www.aegweb.org **Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists, USA** : access to news, announcements, calendar, etc.

www.ilrg.gndci.cnr.it **International Landslide Research Group** : Publishes regular electronic newsletters

www.icold-cigb.org **ICOLD International Commission on Large Dams**

www.geosyntheticssociety.org **IGS International Geosynthetics Society**

www.issmge.org **International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE)** : access to news, announcements, calendar, etc.

www.isrm.net **International Society for Rock Mechanics (ISRM)** : access to news, announcements, calendar, etc.

www.icl-blog.org **International Program on Landslides, Kyoto University Japan, Database of World landslides**

www.ita-aite.org **ITA International Tunnelling Association**

www.iugs.org **International Union of Geological Sciences**