



9YGPC

9th ANZ Young Geotechnical
Professionals Conference,
Melbourne, Australia
11 – 14 July 2012

Conference Information

A Joint Initiative of the

Australian Geomechanics Society

and the

New Zealand Geotechnical Society



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GEOTECHNICAL
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1.0 CONFERENCE AIM

The aims of the 9th ANZ Young Geotechnical Professionals Conference (9YGPC) is to:

- Promote the professional development of delegates through sharing experience and ideas, and by presenting a paper to senior professionals and peers.
- Expand and strengthen the lines of communications between young professionals within the field of geomechanics.
- Promote an enhanced perspective of the varied roles, responsibilities and opportunities encompassed by the geotechnical profession.

Both the Australian Geomechanics Society (AGS) and the New Zealand Geotechnical Society Inc (NZGS) have recently identified as one of the key changes that the geotechnical profession is experiencing is the growing number of young practitioners in the field.

The ANZ YGPC has, over the last 18 years, been at the forefront of the professional development of the young geotechnical profession.

Traditionally the conference has been designed to promote informal interaction between the participants. On this occasion, the choice of venue, the program, meals and fieldtrip have all been designed with a view to encourage this interaction. For this reason the participants are encouraged to make use of the conference package as detailed in the following sections.

2.0 CONFERENCE DETAILS

2.1 Venue

The conference will be held at the St Kilda Novotel hotel, which is located on the Esplanade, St Kilda, Victoria.

2.2 Program

A full program for the conference will be issued after delegate confirmation is finalised. In summary, the conference commences with registration and welcome drinks from 7:30 pm on Wednesday 11 July 2012 and concludes at 1:00 pm Saturday 14 July 2012.

2.3 Accommodation

All accommodation for the duration of the conference is at St Kilda Novotel Hotel. The St Kilda Novotel is a 4 star property which is located on the Esplanade in the heart of St Kilda with spectacular beach and city views.

St Kilda is an inner city suburb of Melbourne, Victoria, Australia, 6 km south from Melbourne's central business district. St Kilda is home to many of Melbourne's famous visitor attractions including Luna Park, the Esplanade Hotel, Acland Street and Fitzroy Street. It is home to St Kilda Beach, Melbourne's most famous beach, several renowned theatres and several of Melbourne's big events and festivals.

Accommodation is provided for all delegates at the St Kilda Novotel Hotel for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights (11 July, 12 July and 13 July).

Accommodation will be based on a room per delegate basis. Special/ other arrangements can be organized at delegates' expense.

2.4 Meals

Hot canapés and drinks will be provided during the registration / welcome drinks on Wednesday evening.

During the conference all meals will be provided, with the exception of dinner on Wednesday evening. The conference will conclude before lunch on Saturday (lunch not included).

2.5 Field Trip

The field trip on the Friday afternoon (13 July) will involve a bus trip along the coast south of Metropolitan Melbourne. While the destination of the field trip has not been finalised, the field trip may include a visit to a large local engineering project and incorporate local geology including coastal exposures along the route. The trip will be guided by Darren Paul a senior geotechnical engineer and geologist with significant experience in Melbourne and Victoria.

3.0 REGISTRATION FEES

The conference registration fees are yet to be finalised as this will depend on the amount of sponsorship that the committee will be able to raise in the next few months. At this stage it is envisaged that the registration fees will be in the order of \$950 per person (incl GST), although we hope to be able to reduce this cost through additional sponsorship.

These fees include conference registration, accommodation, meals and field trip as detailed in section 2.0 above. Each delegate will also be given an electronic copy (CD) of the Conference proceedings. Although Melbourne based delegates are encouraged to use the accommodation facilities at the St Kilda Novotel Hotel, a reduced registration fee will be available to Melbourne based delegates not requiring accommodation.

Details of the registration fees and payment methods will be provided to successful nominees. At this stage we understand that registration and payment of conference fees will be facilitated by Engineers Australia through their website.

4.0 TECHNICAL PAPERS

4.1 Technical papers

Details and guidelines regarding the delegate technical papers will be provided to the delegates following acceptance of their nomination and abstract. Papers can be on any area of geotechnical engineering, geology or engineering geology relevant to consulting professionals and academia.

The length of the paper is limited to up to six pages. More specific guidelines with regards to the technical paper layout and format will be provided to the successful nominees as part of the Information Package that will be provided to successful nominees.

4.2 Technical presentation

Each delegate will present their paper to the other conference delegates and keynote speakers during the conference. A total of 10 minutes will be allocated to each delegate with a further 5 minutes for questions and answers.

4.3 Keynote speakers

Keynote addresses will be given over the course of the conference by experienced and successful geotechnical professionals. Two speakers will play an active role in the conference by remaining to mentor delegate presentations and will form the judging panel for the awards to be presented for best paper at the conference.

5.0 AWARDS

5.1 General

The AGS Don Douglas Youth Fellowship and the NZGS Young Geotechnical Professionals Fellowship conference awards will also be awarded to the respective AGS and NZGS member judged to present the best paper at the conference.

5.2 AGS - Don Douglas Youth Fellowship

This award recognises the contribution of Don Douglas to the geomechanics fraternity in Australia. Don was the founding Managing Director of Douglas Partners Pty Ltd.

The fellowship is awarded to the author of the most outstanding paper at an ANZ Young Geotechnical Professional Conference, or in the event that this conference is not held, at the most recently held ANZ Geomechanics Conference. The recipient must be a member of the AGS and be below the age of 35 at the time of receiving the award.

The fellowship carries a cash amount of up to AUD\$4 000. The cash component is for reimbursement of expenses incurred in attending the next International Young Geotechnical Professional's (iYGP) conference following the award. The next iYGP conference is scheduled to take place in Paris, France in 2013.

For more information go to the AGS website (<http://australiangeomechanics.org/385/ags-don-douglas-youth-fellowship>).

5.3 NZGS – Young Geotechnical Professionals Fellowship

This fellowship is awarded to the author of the best paper by a New Zealand representative at each Australia-New Zealand Young Geotechnical Professionals conference. The recipient must be a member of the New Zealand Geotechnical Society and be below the age of 35 at the time of presenting the paper at the conference.

The value of this award is up to a value of NZ\$4 000 to be used only for the reimbursement of expenses incurred in attending the next iYGP conference following the award.

For more information go to the NZGS website (<http://www.nzgs.org/awards/new-zealand-geotechnical-society-young-geotechnical-professionals-fellowship>).

6.0 SPONSORSHIP

The organising committee will be contacting geotechnical engineering firms to ask for companies that would be interested in sponsoring the event. Please contact the Committee Secretary if you or your company are interested in sponsorship packages.

7.0 ANZ 2012

The 9YGPC will be held immediately prior to the 11th Australia New Zealand Conference on Geomechanics (ANZ 2012), which will be held in Melbourne from 15th – 18th July 2012. ANZ 2012 is the regional conference of the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering and is held approximately every 4 years. The conference theme is “Ground Engineering in a Changing World” and seeks to explore and better understand those changes and the risks and opportunities they present to our profession.

The timing of the 9YGPC provides a unique opportunity for delegates to attend both conferences. For more details on ANZ 2012, please visit www.anz2012.com.au.

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