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Subject: ISSMGE President 575 Day Progress Report-9May2011

Distinguished Colleagues, Dear Friends,

This is my nineteenth progress report after 575 days as your President. Note that previous reports are on the ISSMGE web site (<http://www.issmge.org/>) under "From the President" if you need them. In this report, I would like to talk to you about the Council Toronto meeting agenda, The Board Hong Kong meeting agenda, your response to webinar topics, your response to disaster response ideas, news from CAPG, and upcoming TC reports.

Council Toronto meeting agenda,

If you wish to place an item on the agenda of the Council meeting coming up in Toronto, Canada (<http://www.panam-cgc2011.ca/>) on 2October2011, please **send it before 31May2011** to Neil Taylor (secretary.general@issmge.org) with copy to me.

Board Hong Kong meeting agenda

I attach a copy of the agenda of the ISSMGE Board meeting which will take place in Hong Kong on 22May2011 at the occasion of the Asian Regional Conference (<http://www.cse.polyu.edu.hk/14arc/>). If you wish for the Board to address an issue which is not on that agenda, please let me know.

Your responses to webinar topics and speakers

Thank you for responding to my question. Here is a synthesis of the answers

1. Start with topics for young engineers like writing geotechnical reports, writing journal papers, setting up a site investigation
2. Concentrate on practical problems
3. Geotechnical failures and lessons learned
4. Topics addressing major ongoing debates in the profession
5. TCs can help with speakers
6. Teaching and research methodology
7. Underground structures
8. Earthquake engineering
9. Pile driving
10. In situ testing

The Board will consider the next step to take at its Hong Kong meeting on 22May2011. I'll get back to you on this in my next progress report.

Your response to disaster response ideas

Thank you for many thoughtful responses. Here is a synthesis of the answers

1. Offer reduced or free registration to our conferences to disaster victims for one year.
2. Supports RedR - Register of Engineers for Disaster Relief (<http://www.redr.org.uk>).
3. Open a special fund for disaster victims, raise money
4. Offer to host families of disaster victims for a while
5. Develop guidelines for nuclear power plants protection against tsunamis.

6. Develop guidelines on geotechnical aspects of post-earthquake-disaster activities (investigation, back analysis, reconstruction).
7. Develop guidelines for civilian behavior during and after disasters
8. Organize conferences on what was learned from a disaster in the city of the disaster to help their economy.
9. Help to educate the public on the risk it faces. Zero risk does not exist.
10. Help raise the quality control of the work in developing countries
11. Provide full support to member societies in need of what ISSMGE can do for them (technical support).
12. Organize groups of volunteers to go to the site of the disaster and be technical advisors

I will propose to the Board in Hong Kong to create a Board Level Committee called Public Relations Committee with the charge of continuing to improving the image of our profession including disaster response. If the Board approves this idea, I will be back in touch with you to see who might be interested in working on this committee.

news from CAPG

As you may recall, we created the Corporate Associates Presidential Group (CAPG) to better understand what ISSMGE could do for practitioners. I am very happy to announce that Michael Lisyuk of Georeconstruction Engineering in St Petersburg, Russia was overwhelmingly endorsed by the ISSMGE Board as the first Chair of CAPG. Judging from recent emails Michael is already hard at work.

upcoming TC reports.

Suzanne Lacasse, Chair of TOC, will soon send a request to TC chairs for a progress report in a standard format. The deadline for this report will be 31May2011. Please make sure to respond by the deadline. TOC will use your response to make recommendations to the Board whether to continue or discontinue some committees.

Best wishes,

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