

NZGS Committee Meeting 2nd December 2014 – Main Points for circulation to members

NZGS Membership 1035

NZGS members with International Affiliations

Society	Members
IAEG	204
IAEG Student Rate	3
IAEGJrnl	154
IAEGJrnl Student Rate	1
ISRM	158
ISRM Student Rate	1
ISSMGE	609
ISSMGE Student Rate	3

The following lists some of the issues raised at the recent meeting and nominates a contact person. Please feel free to contact that person directly, or Amanda (secretary@nzgs.org), if you have any queries.

1.	The YGP Conference in Brisbane has just been held and was a great success. Many thanks to EQC for their sponsorship of \$5,000 towards flights and accommodation for YGP participants.	Frances Neeson
2.	NZGS is to host the next YGP Conference – we need to start thinking about this.	Frances Neeson
3.	Our partnership is going really well with MBIE – it is great to have funding and ministerial oversight on many of our guideline projects.	Gavin Alexander
4.	The Committee went through items in the next Budget (to be approved at the AGM in Christchurch in March). Usual costs associated with VP travel, conferences, secretariat, Geomechanics News, overseas speakers – were discussed; no new expenses were identified by the Committee.	Charlie Price
5.	IPENZ Code of Ethics – following review by IPENZ (including submission by NZGS) the Committee decided to keep full reference to the IPENZ Code in our updated rules.	Gavin Alexander
6.	Module 1 (Liquefaction) – just completed phase one review. The consensus is that the guideline should move away from an 1170 Seismic Hazard and towards using the Bridge Manual approach.	Kevin Anderson
7.	Module 2 (Foundations) – workshop with key authors scheduled for 16 th December.	Kevin Anderson
8.	Module 3 (Retaining Walls) – discussions between static and seismic design continue; should the scope be widened?	Kevin Anderson

9.	Module 4 (Site Investigation) – getting close to releasing a draft for comment to key stakeholders, aiming to issue late May 2015.	Tony Fairclough
10.	Module 5A (Ground Improvement Specifications) – the document should be ready for desktop publishing late Feb 2015.	Tony Fairclough
11.	Module 5 (Ground Improvement Design) – this is now on the radar, this guideline would meet a number of Royal Commission recommendations.	?
12.	MBIE representatives attended the Committee meeting. NZGS Committee reiterated their support for a National Geotechnical Database.	Ken Read
13.	Post Disaster Geotechnical Response documentation from the Canterbury Earthquakes – this was discussed with MBIE and it was agreed to work together to compile the existing documentation into a reusable form.	Charlie Price
14.	Richard Smith, EQC, attended part of the meeting and noted that Geo Net was going through a scoping and redevelopment phase; one new feature may be early warning systems and landslide monitoring.	-
15.	NZGS involved in revisions to NZS1170.5, and has made a formal submission on the draft changes to it.	Kevin Anderson
16.	The Committee agreed the final Rule amendments to be provided to the membership (as both tracked changes and clean copy) prior to the AGM for ratification at that meeting in March.	David Burns
17.	It was agreed that Jim Griffiths be booked and advertised for his trip to NZ in February to present the 14th Glossop Lecture. Guy Housby, the 2014 Rankine lecturer, is expected to tour Australasia and present his Rankine lecture this year in NZ.	Ken Read
18.	The editors reported that the December Geo News has gone to the printers and should be in mailboxes prior to Christmas.	Ross Roberts/Kelly Walker
19.	A new Student Award process may be implemented in 2015 in consultation with the University Lecturers (following a similar process in Australia outlined by Mark Jaksa, VP ISSMGE). Details to be finalised.	Frances Neeson
20.	ANZ2015 Conference Chair, Guy Cassidy reported that approximately 175 papers and 30 posters will be presented. The YGPs will be able to attend an 'unplugged' event similar to the one held in Queenstown.	Guy Cassidy
21.	Members have been asked to comment on the current NZGS Website with a view to finalising requirements and calling for quotes to update the site in the new year.	Ross Roberts
22.	Stuart Read (VP ISRM) and Chris Massey (delivering a keynote address) to represent NZGS at the 13 th ISRM Congress in Montreal in 2015.	Stuart Read

23.	6 th International Conference on Earthquake Geotechnical Engineering (Christchurch, Nov 1 st – 4 th , 2015) progressing well. 675 abstracts were received, two platinum and three gold sponsors signed up, and other sponsorship is progressing well.	Charlie Price
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Next NZGS Committee meeting: Tuesday 17th March 2015, Christchurch.

Annual General Meeting : Tuesday 17th March 2015, Christchurch