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REPORTS OF BANFF MEETING

● IAEG Meeting of Executive Committee and Council Held in Banff

IAEG held its Meetings of Executive Committee and Council on June 2 and 3, 2012 in Banff, Canada during the 11th International and 2nd North American Symposium on Landslides. The president of IAEG professor Carlos Delgado chaired the meetings.

I. Executive Committee Meeting

10 of 11 members attended the Executive Committee meeting on June 2nd. Carlos made the welcome address, and the main issues have been discussed on the meeting:

Carlos introduced the financial report for 2012 and budget for 2013. The members suggest setting up a special fund for promoting the communication of vice presidents with their responsible national groups and increase the budget for improvement of website.

The members of Technical Overseeing Committee (TOC) made their reports on the active state of IAEG Commissions and stressed to make effort to activate their activities.

The state of membership was introduced by the Secretary General. It is stressed to promote the recruitment of the IAEG members and national groups, and there should be a warning to the inactive national groups.

The plan for the memorial book of IAEG 50th anniversary is approved. And the progress on Bulletin, website and the preparation for IAEG2014 congress has also been reported on the meeting.



IAEG Executive Committee Meeting

II. The Council Meeting

The Council meeting was held on 3rd June. Representatives of 23 national and regional groups, 10 Executive Committee members, 2 past presidents and chairmen of 7 Commissions attended the meeting.

The Secretary General of International Union of Geological Sciences (IUGS), professor Peter T. Bobrowsky and the observer from International Society of Rock Mechanics (ISRM) and International Tunneling and Underground Space Association (ITA), Dr. Erik Eberhardt were invited to present the meeting and make addresses.

Carlos chaired the meeting, and made the welcome address. The following issues have been discussed and related decisions have been made in the meeting:

1. Activities of the president

The president Carlos Delgado introduced his activities during past year. He said that he had made effort to push the activities of commissions. He has visited China to promote the membership recruitment and attract supporting members. To improve the relationship with sister international societies such as ISRM, ISSMGE, FedIGS and IUGS, he has travelled a lot in the last year. He has also made effort for the preparation of the 50 anniversary book and IAEG2014 congress.

2. Progress of the secretariat

The Secretary General Faquan Wu gave the work report of the secretariat in the last year.

He said that the membership of IAEG has made a 16% increase in the year and the total number of individual members increased to 3513. The national groups with more than 200 members are Germany, China, New Zealand, Australia and United Kingdom. And Germany with more than 500 members keeps the first place for many years. 7 national groups, i.e. Sweden, Finland, Singapore, Belgium, China, New Zealand, and Australia have made big progress on the membership recruitment and activation. The secretariat has kept closed connection with national groups to push their activities.

The Newsletter has been regularly prepared and published in our website, the relationship with Springer has been improved and the Bulletin and E-tokens have been distributed as planned.

A new regional group, "Hong Kong (SAR) Regional Group" has been approved to be established and Dr. Steve Parry, the chairperson of the group indicated that there will be 200 members involved in IAEG community.

3. The financial state of IAEG

Entrusted by Pierre Potherat, the financial report for 2010-2011 and the budget for 2012-2013 have been made by Carlos. The Council made some adjustment on the budget to enhance the communication of the vice presidents with their responsible national groups, to improve the website and the preparation of the 50 anniversary book.

4. Regional activity

The vice presidents have given the activity reports in their responsible regions. Most of the national groups are active. However, there are a few national groups without payment of membership fees for more than 4 years, even though some of them still have been active. The Council charges the secretariat to send warning letters to the NGs and urges the vice presidents to push the work in their connected national groups.

5. Active state of Commissions

The members of Technical Overseeing Committee (TOC) reported the active state of their connected Commissions of IAEG indicating that more than 10 Commissions including C10, C16, C17, C19, C20, C22, C24, C25, C28, C29 and C34 keeps active but a few commissions are not. 16 commissions submitted their annual reports. Carlos Delgado, the chair of TOC stressed that the activity of commissions is one of most important parts of IAEG for the academic aspect, and he encourage more effort for their development.

A new commission on Marine Engineering Geology (C34) applied by professor Yonggang Jia from China has been approved by the Council.

6. Bulletin

Carlos gave a brief introduction on Bulletin and website. The Council appreciates the work of the teams of the Bulletin and website.

7. IAEG sponsored meetings

Carlos introduced that the preparation of IAEG2014 Congress in Torino has been going smoothly. Jianfeng Chen from reported that the International Symposium on Coastal Engineering Geology in Shanghai 2012 have been prepared well.

Entrusted by Runqiu Huang, Faquan Wu made a proposal of IAEG sponsored International Symposium on 5th anniversary of Wenchuan Earthquake 2013 in Chengdu, China.

On behalf of China National Group and C29, Ruilin Hu proposed to hold the International Symposium and 9th Asian Regional Conference, September 2013 in Beijing, China and also invited the working meetings of IAEG.

The Council approved the two proposals and decided to hold the IAEG working meeting in Beijing in September 22-23, 2013.



IAEG Council Meeting

● IAEG Awards Presented in Banff

An Awards Luncheon has been organized on June 7th, 2012 during the 11th International and 2nd North American Symposium on Landslides in Banff, Canada. Two awards of IAEG have been presented to the recipients at the Luncheon. The Richard Wolters Prize has been presented to Dr. Saroglou Haralambos from Greece and the Hans Cloos Medal has been presented to Prof. Victor I. Osipov from Russia.

Carlos and Mike made a brief introduction to Academician Prof. Osipov and Dr. Saroglou Haralambos respectively, and Academician Prof. Osipov has given a speech in the Luncheon.

During the Symposium, the Jury for IAEG Richard Wolters Prize chaired by Dr. Winter Mike has organized the speech competition for the Prize. 6 young professionals from Canada, China, Greek, New Zealand, UK, and USA gave their speeches. And one winner, Dr. Saroglou Haralambos from Greek and 2 runners-ups Dr. Marc-Andre Brideau from New Zealand and Dr. Sergio Lourenco from UK were elected by vote.



IAEG Richard Wolters Prize Contest Jury and candidates



IAEG Hans Cloos Medal winner Academician Prof. Osipov, IAEG President Prof. Carlos Delgado and IAEG Richard Wolters Prize winner Dr. Saroglou Haralambos from Greece (from Left to Right)

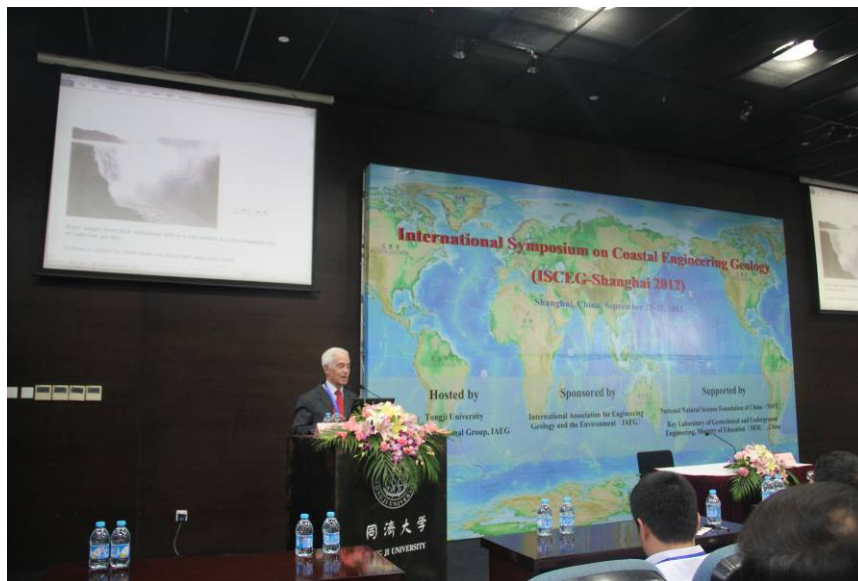
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## ACTIVITY OF THE PRESIDENT

### ● ISCEG International Symposium

On September 20, 2012, the IAEG sponsored International Symposium on Coastal Engineering Geology (ISCEG-Shanghai 2012) was held by Tongji University and IAEG China National Group in Shanghai, China.

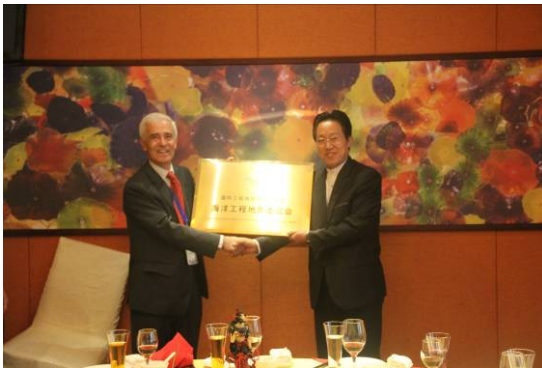
IAEG president professor Carlos Delgado attended the opening ceremony, made a congratulation speech and later gave an academic lecture "Project for a tunnel under the straits of Gibraltar: Geological and geotechnical problems".



### ● Carlos attended the Awards Luncheon in Shanghai

IAEG held an Awards Luncheon on September 20, 2012 in Shanghai during ISCEG-Shanghai 2012. Carlos Delgado announced China JK Institute of Engineering Investigation and Design (JK) and Institute of Geomechanics, Chinese Academy of Geological Sciences (IGCAGS) to be the first Supporting Members of IAEG in China and the establishment of IAEG Commission for Marine Engineering Geology (C34). IAEG appointed professor Yonggang JIA as the chairman of C34 and C34 relies on the Ocean University of China. Later on, Carlos Delgado awarded plaques to the representatives of two Supporting Members and C34 of IAEG.

IAEG Secretary General Faquan Wu, IAEG Hans Cloos Medal winner Victor Osipov, academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering Yaoru Lu, chairman of IAEG2014 Congress Giorgio Lollino, secretary of Bulgaria National Group Kiril Anguelov, director of geo-sciences department of China National Natural Science Foundation Yupeng Yao were also present at this event.



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1. Group photo
2. Carlos and Prof. Yushou ZHANG from JK
3. Carlos and Prof. Yongshuang ZHANG from IG,CAGS
4. Carlos and C34 Chairman Prof. Yonggang JIA

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NEWS FROM VICE-PRESIDENTS

● Silvina visited China for Joint Survey

Invited by professor Faquan Wu, professor of Southern University of Argentina, Silvina Andrea Marfil who is also the IAEG vice president, visited China in June 25th - July 1st, 2012 for a field survey in northwestern China, as the start of a joint research project on mechanism of water induced loess landslide.

On 25th June, Silvina visited the Key Laboratory of Engineering Geomechanics, Institute of Geology and Geophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences (IGCAS) in Beijing and had a discussion with local scientists on the frontier issues of engineering geology. Professor Xiao Li, the director of the Laboratory hosted a welcome dinner for Silvina and made an introduction of the Lab. Both sides reached a preliminary agreement for cooperation and communication in the future.



Welcome dinner hosted by Key Laboratory of Engineering Geomechanics, IGCAS

Silvina gave a lecture in Xi'an Centre of Geological Survey (XCGS) of China Geological Survey on 26th June. She introduced the geochemical process on volcanic hydrothermal alteration in Patagonia-Argentina, loess distribution and loess disasters and other issues in Argentina with lots of experimental data and vivid pictures. Professor Maosheng Zhang, the director of Hydrogeology division of XCGS, chaired the lecture and a heated discussion after the lecture.



Lecture in Xi'an Center of Geological Survey,CGS on 26th June

From 27th June to 1st July 2012, Silvina carried out a 5 day joint field survey with M. Zhang and F. Wu and their colleagues at two field observation bases in Yan'an, Shanxi province and Heifangtai, Gansu province. Silvina expressed high appreciation for the loess geological hazard survey and related research works of XCGS.

Loess is widely distributed both in China and Argentina. Although relatively big differences in formation, composition, distribution and thickness of loess in two nations, they agree that both sides still can learn from each other for research methods and experience on loess hazards, especially the comparative study between two nations. They are willing to promote cooperation in the future.



Loess landslide and collapse hole in Heifangtai, Gansu Province, China

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## HANS CLOOS MEDAL LECTURE

Invited by International Symposium on Coastal Engineering Geology (ISCEG), IAEG Hans Cloos Medal winner Victor Osipov makes the Hans Cloos Medal Lecture on ISCEG-Shanghai,2012 which was sponsored by the IAEG. The title of the academic lecture was "Physico-chemical theory of effective stresses in soils".

IAEG Hans Cloos Medal is awarded biannually (every two years). It is the senior award presented by IAEG, given to an engineering geologist of outstanding merit in commemoration of the "founder of geomechanics". The recipient should therefore be a person of international repute who has made a major contribution to engineering geology in his/her written papers or to the development of engineering geology and/or the IAEG in their own area.

IAEG is to promote Hans Cloos Medal Lectures among IAEG National Groups every year.



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INFORMATION COLLECTION

● 50TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK

Dear members of IAEG,

IAEG starts working on the production of our 50th anniversary book, and the secretariat is responsible for collecting images and documents (eg. Congress proceedings, various illustrative documents from IAEG events or other memorable files).

Please send the secretariat the electronic versions or post them in CD/DVD if file size is too big. Or, after creating an account, you can directly view and upload the documents via <http://www.iaeg.info/index.php/50th-anniversary>. Your selected images and documents will be highly appreciated and the deadline is April 30, 2013.

Thanks for your contribution !

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● The most concerned and hottest issues in Engineering Geology and Environment

Dear Colleagues,

To make clear the outlook of our discipline and design the development of engineering geology, Secretariat has decided to launch an online survey annually to collect the opinions on The most concerned and hottest issues in Engineering Geology and Environment among ExCom members, Commissions Chairs, heads of NGs and members in the end of year and announces the result in the beginning of next year. The online survey is easy. We just need to click the link and fill in the sheet:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NBP9VZS>

The deadline is 31 January 2013. Please fill in and submit it as soon as possible. After statistics and analysis, the survey result will be public on our website and Newsletter and used to direct our IAEG academic activity organization and commission setting up.

Thanks for your attention,
Best regards,

Faquan

● Feed-back about Bulletin dispatch 2012

Dear all,

Every year, the secretariat will send the "IAEG feed-back about Bulletin dispatch" to NGs. We used this online survey since last year ending with 52 responses from NGs and individuals. Secretariat recorded every response seriously and then contacted Springer to solve the problems. I hope online survey this year could attract and help more members.

It is very easy and members just need to follow the link !

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/F3XJ9BD>

In the survey sheet, you can drag the lower right corner of every text boxes to change their sizes.

It is highly appreciated that the link above could be sent to the members whose Bulletin are sent individually by Springer. And the survey will be closed in December 31, 2012. Then we will make a further contact with Springer.

Thanks for sustaining support to Secretariat,

Best regards,

Faquan

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## NEWS FROM COMMISSIONS

### ● Letter from Chairman of C22

Dear Faquan

Commission 22, Landscape Evolution and Engineering Geology has completed its work and the results are about to be published in the IAEG Bulletin.

Griffiths J S, Stead D, Stokes M & Giles D. Landscape evolution and engineering geology: the results of Commission 22. *Bulletin of the International Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment*. DOI: 10.1007/s10064-012-0434-7 (in press 2012).

My thanks to all who have supported the work, mainly through attendance at meetings held at the IAEG Congress in Auckland. The intention now is to seek out case studies that address the question of landscape evolution and ask authors to publish these as examples.

Regards

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NEWS FROM NATIONAL GROUPS

● Austrian, German and Swiss NGs

Dear Faquan

The Swiss Group (together with our Austrian and the German) organizes in the 2 years rhythm the "20th Lake Constance Colloquy", this year in St. Gallen, Switzerland.

Theme: engineering geological aspects of the deep underground.

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● Brazil



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Associação Brasileira de Geologia de Engenharia e Ambiental – ABGE
The Brazilian Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment

The Congress structure and scientific programme comprises thematic Symposia, Keynote Lectures, Technical Sessions, Short Courses, Technical Visits and Field Excursions all coordinated and convened by distinguished professionals, scholars and experts.

KEYNOTE LECTURES

1. Urban risk prevention and planning in Brazil;
2. Geotechnical and geoenvironmental mapping: State of the Art;
3. Brazilian National Solid Waste Policy;
4. Major infrastructure projects in Brazil and the role of the Engineering Geology.



SYMPOSIA: Some of **ABGE** most traditional thematic symposia will be organised and held simultaneously within the Congress programme covering the full range of relevant engineering geology issues: 8th Brazilian Symposium on Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Mapping; 4th Brazilian Symposium on Natural Disasters; 9th Brazilian Symposium on Erosion Control; 4th Symposium on Solid Waste and Contaminated Land Sites; 4th Symposium on Environmental Management; 2nd Symposium on Infrastructure Projects and Investigation; 2nd Symposium on Teaching, Training and Young Professionals; 2nd Symposium on Mining and Construction Materials; 1st GEOPETRO – Symposium on Engineering Geology applied to Petroleum Exploitation.

BUSINESS MEETING: South and Central American Commission on Engineering Geology - COMGEO

TECHNICAL VISITS AND FIELD EXCURSIONS

1. Rio de Janeiro mountainous regions – landslide disaster areas;
2. Rio de Janeiro Metro – tunnels and underground structures;
3. Seropedica waste treatment plant - Landfill.

PRE-CONGRESS SHORT COURSES

1. Geological hazards and natural disasters;
2. Geological and geotechnical site investigation; and,
3. Engineering geology for non-geologists professionals.

Details, schedules, deadlines and guidelines to paper submissions (oral and poster presentations) can be found at the official site of the Congress: www.acquacon.com.br/14cbge



Congress Venue:
the historical building of the **CPRM –
the Geological Survey of Brazil**

● China

International Symposium on Coastal Engineering Geology

The International Symposium on Coastal Engineering Geology (ISCEG-Shanghai 2012) has been held in Shanghai, China on September 20-21 2012.

This important event, sponsored by the IAEG, had a large attendance. The collected papers have been published by Springer.

A large number of papers were presented and the few best works were granted an award during the closure ceremony. High level keynote lectures were also featured by Carlos Delgado (IAEG President, Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Spain), Victor Osipov (Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Russia), Runqiu Huang (Vice-President for Asia of IAEG, Chengdu University of Technology, China), IAEG2014 Congress Chairman Giorgio Lollino, IAEG Bulgarie National Group Secretary Kiril Anguelov, Yaoru Lu (Academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, Tongji University, Shanghai, China), Atsushi Yashima (Vice-President of Japanese Geotechnical Society, Gifu University, Japan) and Faquan Wu (Secretary General of IAEG, Institute of Geology and Geophysics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China). Congratulations are due to professors Yu Huang and his staff for the successful organization of the Symposium.

A special thank goes to professor Yongsheng Li for the warm hospitality he provided



Please find more photos on the wonderful moments during the symposium:

http://www.is-shanghai2012.org/en/show.aspx?info_lb=245&flag=245&info_id=43

9th National Engineering Geological Congress

On October 23-25 2012, the 9th National Engineering Geological Congress was organized in Qingdao, China. The theme of the congress is "Engineering Geology and Geological Environment Protection". About 835 people attended the congress.

Seven topics have been discussed during the congress including coastal zone and ocean engineering geology, rock mass engineering geology characteristics, geological problems in major projects, urban geology and environmental protection and underground space development, engineering geology in strong earthquake area and post-disaster reconstruction, major geological disaster risk evaluation, prevention and control and new perspective, theory and method in Engineering geology.

The congress accepted 332 papers and abstracts. 11 invited lectures, 32 invited speakers, 32 seminars covering fields of engineering geology. 19 enterprises joined the exhibition. The collected papers have been published by Journal of Engineering Geology.

During the congress, IAEG C34 and C29 hold their working meeting.

The congress was hosted by IAEG China National Group, co-organized by Ocean University of China, Qingdao Institute of Marine Geology, China Geological Survey, The first institute of oceanography, State Oceanic Administration, and Co-Sponsored by The China National Natural Science Fund and other 21 institutions.



● India

IAEG India Golden Jubilee International Geotechnical Conference New Delhi, October 2015

Preliminary Announcement

On completion of 50 Years of its existence, the Indian National Group of the IAEG - the Indian Society of Engineering Geology (www.isegindia.org) – proposes to organize an International Geotechnical Conference in October 2015. During its vibrant journey, besides bringing out its annual Journal of Engineering Geology and the biannual Newsletter – the ISEG News, the Society has been organizing seminars, symposia and workshops regularly. Prominent international events organized by the Society in the past include the International Conference on Underground Space Technology in January 2011 (ICUST 2011) and the 4th International Congress of the IAEG in the Year 1982. For making the proposed Conference a truly Golden Jubilee event, the Society looks forward to global participation in the Conference on a large scale. The programme formulation for the Conference has begun and a formal announcement is expected by early January 2013 following a meeting of the Secretary of the India National Group with the Secretary General of the IAEG during Vietnam Workshop of 17-18 December 2012 at Hue.

While, the preliminary details of the event will be available in the formal announcement, the proposed Conference will be of 3-5 days duration and will be held at New Delhi. The Conference aims at deliberations on practice and research on a wide range of geotechnical, engineering geological and environmental aspects that are of particular significance in the 21st Century. The Conference assumes great importance at this juncture when the country is going through a hydropower and infrastructure development boom. In this context, the 50,000 MW hydropower initiative of the Government of India is of particular significance.

It is proposed to include pre- and post-Conference technical and sightseeing excursions to important destinations across the country such as hydropower and infrastructure projects in the Indian Himalaya, and tourist spots like the Taj Mahal, beautiful Himalayan Hill Stations, colourful Rajasthan deserts, enchanting Northeast, scintillating Central and South India, etc. All efforts are being made to make the Indian experience during the Conference truly memorable.

The Indian National Group of the IAEG takes this opportunity to invite the global geotechnical and engineering geological fraternity to the proposed Conference. Please do join us in our Golden Jubilee celebrations and make the Conference a Grand Success!

● Serbia

14th Symposium on Engineering geology and Geotechnics

14th Symposium on Engineering geology and Geotechnics was held in the Conference hall of the company "Railways of Serbia", in Belgrade, in the period 27-28/09/2012, celebrating 90 years of higher education in Engineering geology and 40 years of Chair of geotechnics at the University of Belgrade. The symposium was organized by Committee of Engineering Geology and Geotechnics of the Society of Geological Engineers and Technicians.

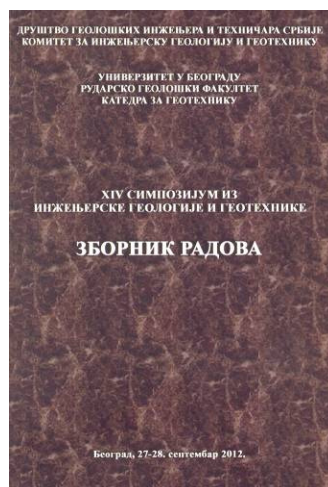
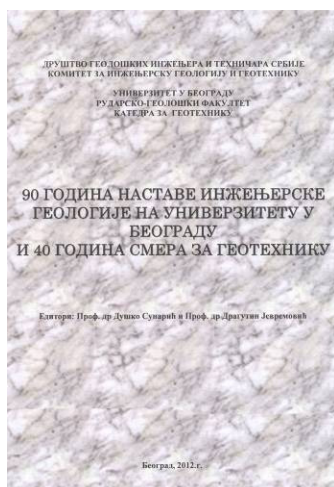
The following topics were covered by the accepted and published papers:

1. Education of high-qualified engineers, capable of coping with new challenges in the scientific and professional surrounding;
2. Methodology of engineering-geological/geotechnical research for the purpose of urban and spatial planning, as well as for design of various engineering objects;
3. Results of the current detailed and regional engineering geological/geotechnical research;
4. Terminology in engineering geology/geotechnics – current issues?
5. Laws, regulation and standards in the area of engineering geology/geotechnics.

Approximately 60 papers were submitted for the Symposium, with over 100 authors from Serbia, Republic of Srpska, Montenegro, Macedonia, Slovenia, Croatia and Netherlands. The papers were sent from the University of Belgrade, University of Novi Sad, University of Skopje, University of Banja Luka, University of Split, University of Zagreb, University of Ljubljana and from several companies included in solving engineering-geological/geotechnical issues in praxis.

Two books were published during the Symposium:

- Anniversary Edition: “90 years of higher education and 40 years of Department of Geotechnics at the University of Belgrade” , with the review of historical development of Engineering geology and Geotechnics in Serbia and biographies of all the members of the Chair of Engineering Geology and Geotechnics, since its foundation;
- Proceeding of 14th Symposium on Engineering Geology and Geotechnics.



35 papers were presented during the Symposium within the sessions devoted to honorable professors, who founded and developed engineering geology and geotechnics at the University of Belgrade.



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## MEETING INFORMATION

### ● The International Symposium & 9th Asian Regional Conference of IAEG 2013

The IAEG Council meeting in Banff, Canada on June 3, 2012 has approved that the International Symposium & 9th Asian Regional Conference of IAEG will be held in Beijing, China on 24th - 25th September, 2013. At the meantime, the meetings of IAEG Executive Committee and the Council also will be held on 22nd and 23rd September.

The IAEG China National Group hosts this conference, providing academic researchers, engineers in the community of engineering geology with opportunities to present and share the state-of-art views in this field.

The theme of this conference is “Global view of Engineering Geology and the Environment”. Four topics and a series of workshops are designed to cover the main aspects of engineering geology and the environment.

Welcome to Beijing in 2013!

Website: [www.iaegasia2013.com](http://www.iaegasia2013.com)

### ● IAEG CONGRESS 2014

In September 15-18, 2014, Torino will host the XII International IAEG Congress with the theme: Engineering Geology for Society and Territory.

IAEG XII Congress aims to analyse the dynamic role of Engineering Geology in our changing world: by means of a series of topics and sessions offered to the participants' choice through the interpretative key of four main themes: Environment, Processes, Issues, Approaches. The congress celebrates 50 years from the IAEG foundation. At the same time, this congress is in memory of Marcel Arnould (IAEG Honorary President).

Website: <http://www.iaeg2014.com/>

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