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# XV IAEG 2026 WORLD CONGRESS

ENGINEERING GEOLOGY IN A RAPIDLY  
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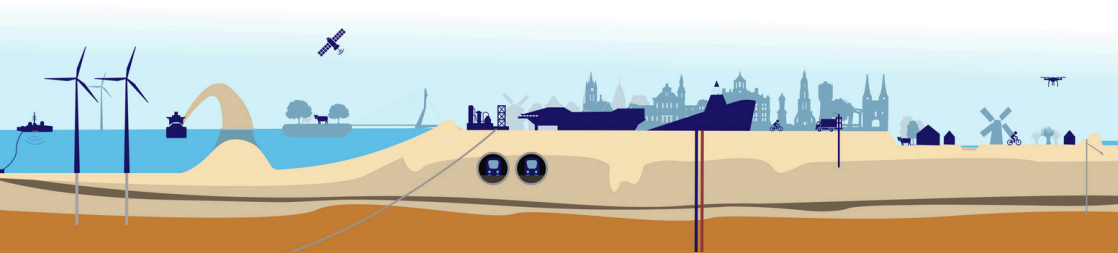
## 2nd Newsletter



### Early Bird Registration Now Open

 Deadline 1 August 2026

» Register via  
<https://www.iaeg2026.org/150970/registration>



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# Welcoming Message

It is a great pleasure to host the **XV IAEG World Congress 2026** in Delft, The Netherlands, from October 30 to November 6, 2026.

As we move closer to the congress, preparations are progressing steadily and with great enthusiasm. The congress, titled **Engineering Geology in a Rapidly Changing World**, is proving to be particularly well chosen, strongly resonating with the challenges and opportunities we currently face.

The response to the call for contributions has been very encouraging. A dedicated and highly motivated **team of co-chairs and reviewers** is now actively assessing papers and abstracts to ensure a high-quality and inspiring scientific programme. We invite you to browse this newsletter to discover statistics on submissions and review progress.

Practical information for participants is also available in this newsletter, including **registration fees and details of the solidarity fund** established to support broader participation.

In addition to the IAEG executive and board meetings, the pre-congress will feature a series of ten **one-day technical workshops** held over two days. We already apologize for making your choice a difficult one. Early registration is strongly recommended, as places are limited.

We are also excited to introduce the **EnGeOlympics**, the 1st IAEG Games for Future Makers. Its three contests, Logo, Site Investigation, and Dike Building, are presented in this newsletter. If you are eligible, we encourage you to take part. If not, we invite you to support and inspire the younger generation to do so. The calls for entry to the online logo and site investigation contests have just opened. We are also seeking generous sponsors to help reward the winners and support the success of this initiative. We already extend our sincere thanks to those sponsoring the congress.

We look forward to keeping you updated in the coming months and to welcoming you to this exciting and forward-looking event.

## Greetings from the blooming Netherlands.

Dominique Ngan-Tillard	Congress Chair & Co-Chair of Scientific Committee
Richard Rijkers	Congress Co-Chair & Sponsorship Co-manager
Rik Hoedenmaker	Secretary and Social Events & EnGeOlympics Manager
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Irene Manzella	Chair of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee
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Arthur ten Katen	Excursions co-manager
Hugo Oostman	Social events & EnGeOlympics co-manager
Lisa van der Burg	Social events co-manager
Rafael Ramirez Eudave	Workshops & TC meetings co-manager



## Sponsor & Exhibition Opportunities

The XV IAEG 2026 World Congress offers a unique opportunity to showcase your brand, connect with global experts, and support the future of sustainable ground engineering. A diverse range of sponsorship and exhibition packages are offered, each with a unique set of benefits and recognition opportunities.

The packages can be found at:

[www.iaeg2026.org/150970/sponsorship-exhibition-packages](http://www.iaeg2026.org/150970/sponsorship-exhibition-packages)

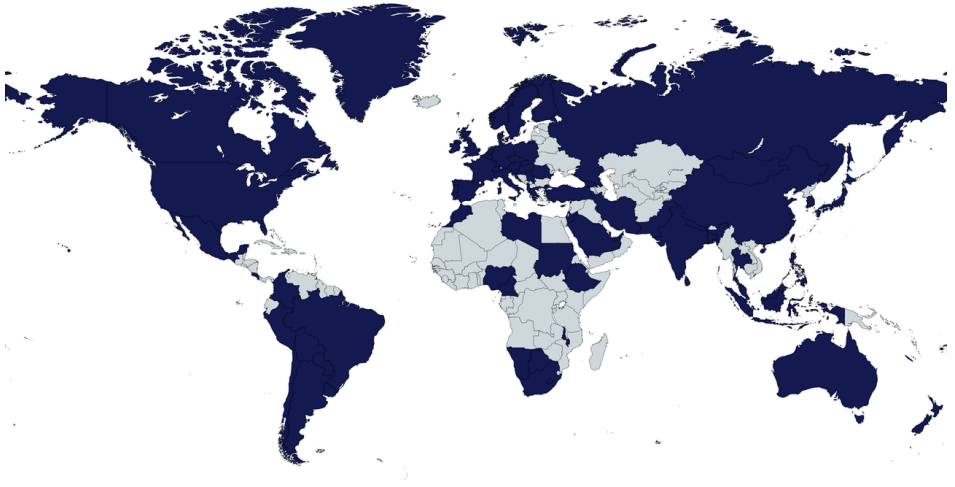
Interested in sponsoring or exhibiting? We would be happy to hear from you at [sponsor@iaeg2026.org](mailto:sponsor@iaeg2026.org)



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# Paper & Abstract Submissions Overview



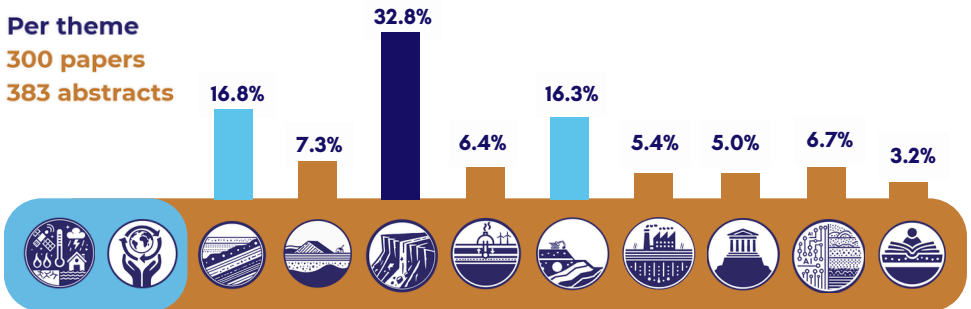
We are pleased to announce a strong and diverse response to the call for abstracts & papers for the **XV IAEG World Congress 2026**. In total, **683 abstracts & papers** have been submitted from around the world, reflecting the global engagement and relevance of Engineering Geology in addressing today's challenges. With authors representing **81 countries**, the Congress reflects our global scientific community. We greatly appreciate the strong interest in the IAEG 2026 congress and the opportunity to consider such a high number of submissions. We sincerely thank the **90 Chairs and 220 reviewers** who have kindly agreed to organize sessions and review papers. Their valuable contributions to the IAEG 2026 Scientific Committee will be formally acknowledged in the Proceedings colophon.

We also wish to express our hope for a rapid return to a more peaceful world, one in which open academic exchange as well as collaboration and dialogue with practitioners can resume fully.

## Per theme

**300 papers**

**383 abstracts**



**Interested in reviewing? Contact [info@iaeg2026.org](mailto:info@iaeg2026.org)**

# Early Bird Registration Now Open

- Preferential rate for **IAEG & Ingeokring members**
- Generous discounts available for Early bird **YEG members, PhD candidates, MSc/BSc students, and retirees** who hold a valid IAEG or Ingeokring membership.
- **IAEG Solidarity Fund** discounted registration fees for **presenters from low and lower-middle-income countries**. More on this fund on the next page!

Early Bird Deadline : 1 August 2026

Regular Deadline : 17 October 2026

Congress Registration fees cover:

- Icebreaker Reception - 1 November 2026
- Coffee breaks and lunches - 2-5 November 2026
- YEG Party\* - 2 November 2026
- Geolab visits\* - 3-5 November 2026
- WEG Digging into Delft\* - 4 November 2026

\*Limited availability – places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

	Early Bird	Regular	Late / On-site
IAEG or Ingeokring member	€ 800	€ 900	€ 1.000
Delegate (non IAEG or Ingeokring member)	€ 900	€ 1.000	€ 1.100
Retiree (with valid IAEG or Ingeokring membership)	€ 600	€ 700	€ 800
YEG member	€ 600	€ 700	€ 800
PhD student	€ 600	€ 700	€ 800
MSc/BSc student	€ 300	€ 400	€ 500

## Pre-Congress Training workshops

Type of participant	Price per workshop
Non-congress participant	€ 200
Non-congress participant EurGeol Title Holder	€ 160 (20% discount)
Congress participant	€ 100

## Social Events

Event	Date of event	Ticket	Guest Ticket
Icebreaker	Sunday, 1 November 2026	-	€ 30
Glossop Dinner	Tuesday, 3 November 2026	€ 50	-
Festive Evening	Wednesday, 4 November 2026	€ 50	€ 100

## Excursions *Friday, 6 November 2026*

Excursion - Theme & Region	Price per Ticket
Flood Protection - Rotterdam	€ 110
Aggregates - Amsterdam	€ 100
Engineering in Boom Clay - Antwerp	€ 130
Post-mining risk management - Maastricht	€ 170

## IAEG Solidarity fund

We are pleased to announce that we have secured € 20,000 for the IAEG Solidarity Fund, which will provide **registration fee discounts of 50-100%**, depending on the number of applications received, for **low- and lower-middle-income countries**.

Visit <https://www.iaeg2026.org/150970/registration> and scroll down to apply by 1 May 2026.

### Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be affiliated with an institution in a low- or lower-middle-income country (per the World Bank 2025 list) and live in that country.
- Be the presenting author of an accepted abstract or paper at the IAEG 2026 Congress
- Be an IAEG member
- Provide the contact details of a person who can support their application.
- Confirm that they have sufficient funding available to cover travel, accommodation, visa, and any other related costs.

To note: discounts may not cover the whole registration fee. Recipients may need to pay the remaining amount. Registration fees cover all coffee breaks and lunches from 2 to 5 November.

**Application Solidarity Fund Call Now Open - Apply by 1 May 2026**

<https://www.iaeg2026.org/150970/registration>

# Training Workshops Announced

We are excited to present ten exclusive **one-day pre-congress training workshops**, each led by renowned experts and designed to deliver focused, high-impact learning in just one day. A workshop fee applies, with a 50% discount available for IAEG 2026 participants. We are working towards securing endorsement by the **European Federation of Geologists (EFG)** for all ten workshops, further ensuring their quality and relevance. EFG represents 28 national geological associations and connects nearly 45,000 professionals, associations, and policymakers across Europe, promoting geoscience excellence and awarding the EurGeol title.

A detailed description of the workshops can be found at:

<https://www.iaeg2026.org/150970/workshops>

## Saturday 31 October 2026

### TW 1

**Engineering Geological Models - An introduction to the IAEG Guidelines - IAEG C25**

Fred Baynes, Mark Eggers,  
Steve Parry & Ian Shipway

### TW 3

**Rock Slope Hazards & Rock Mass Characterization - IAEG C38**

Harry Sarogloy, Cristian Zangerl,  
William Murphy & Alkis Gkouvilas

### TW 5

**Multi-Hazard Modelling, from Theory to Tools**

Cees van Westen, Shiva Prasad Pudasaini,  
Bastian van den Bout, Irene Manzella,  
Olga Mavrouli & Martin Mergili

### TW 7

**Tales from the Swamp**

Arjan Venmans, Sanneke van Asselen  
& Cor Zwanenburg

### TW 9

**Multiscale applications for geohazard investigation & monitoring - IAEG C35**

George Papathanassiou, Daniele Giordan, Sotiris  
Valkaniotis, Paolo Allasia, Davide Notti & Niccolò  
Menegoni

# Sunday 1 November 2026

## TW 2

**Uncertainty & Variability in Engineering Geological Models - IAEG C28 & ISSGME TC304**

Giovanna Vessia, Antonio Dematteis, Joanna Pieczynska-Kozłowska, Michael Hicks & Zheng Guan

## TW 4

**4D Engineering Geology & the Limits of Conventional Design Analysis**

Chrysothemis Paraskevopoulou & Mark Diederichs

## TW 8

**A full life-cycle approach to mining effects: mitigations risks in every stage**

Siefko Slob, Robrecht Schmitz, Hans Roest, Oscar Mooijman, Scott O'Neill & Ard den Outer

## TW 6

**Applied Engineering Geophysics - A Practical Focus**

Arre Verweerd

## TW 10

**All you can do with a seismometer (beyond recording earthquakes)**

Silvia Castellaro



*Training course endorsed by the*  
**European Federation of Geologists**

# EngeOlympics

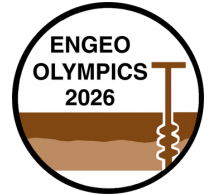
EnGeOlympics will be the **1st Engineering Geology games** for future makers, organized at an IAEG World Congress. The EngeOlympics will be composed of **3 separate contests**.

## Logo Design Contest

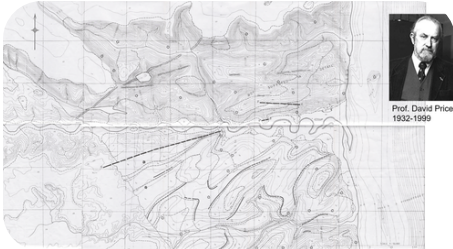
IAEG 2026 calls on future makers **less than 40 years old** to **design a logo for the EnGeOlympics!** The winning logo will be featured during the congress.

Registration for the congress is not necessary to participate in the logo design contest. The logos will be submitted by e-mail.

The registration will open on **1 April 2026**.



## Site Investigation contest



Before the congress, groups of students will compete by undertaking a **virtual site investigation for a major infrastructure project!** The contest will test students' knowledge of site investigation, structural geology, geomorphology, borehole interpretation, and cost estimation. This game was developed by the late **Professor of Engineering Geology, David Price.**

Groups will receive a map, project instructions, and background information on the geological setting. Using this material, they will identify project-related hazards along with relevant geomorphological and environmental conditions. Based on the collected data, they will produce an engineering geological map and a report presenting their subsurface interpretation, associated uncertainties, design recommendations, and cost estimation. After the interactive session, they will have time to write their report and submit it.

The Site Investigation Contest is open to **BSc and MSc students**. The registration is **free** and will open on **1 April 2026**. Find the contest date, rules, and conditions [here](#). Since the Site Investigation Contest is fully virtual, registration for the congress is not necessary to participate in it.

## Dike building contest

This contest will challenge participants to construct one of the most iconic Dutch flood defenses: the **dike!** Using a selection of provided materials and their engineering judgement and ingenuity, groups are tasked with **building a scale model dike** that is both stable and capable of withstanding water loads. The dike building contest is aimed at **anyone less than 40 years old participating in the congress**. The registration will open in **September 2026**.



# Amsterdam Attractions

## Explore the Rijksmuseum

Discover masterpieces of the Dutch Golden Age, including *The Night Watch* by Rembrandt. The museum's galleries showcase centuries of Dutch art, history, and craftsmanship in one of Europe's most celebrated museums.



## Walk Through the Jordaan District

Stroll through the charming Jordaan neighborhood, known for its narrow streets, picturesque canals, cozy cafés, and boutique shops. Once a working-class district, it's now one of Amsterdam's most vibrant and atmospheric areas.

## Visit the Anne Frank House

Step into the house, where Anne Frank and her family hid during World War II. This deeply moving museum tells the powerful story of Anne's life and diary.

## Take a Canal Cruise

Experience Amsterdam from the water by cruising along its UNESCO-listed canal network. Glide past historic canal houses, arched bridges, and lively waterfronts while learning about the city's unique urban design.



## Discover the Van Gogh Museum

Immerse yourself in the life and works of Vincent van Gogh at the world's largest collection of his paintings and drawings. The museum traces his artistic journey through masterpieces such as *Sunflowers* and *The Bedroom*.



## Important dates

- 01 Feb 2025 ● Call for 250-word Abstracts
- 01 July 2025 ● Abstract Submission Deadline**
- 15 July 2025 ● Notification of Abstract Acceptance
- 01 Sep 2025 ● Abstract Re-submission Deadline**
- 01 Nov 2025 ● Call for Papers
- 28 Feb 2026 ● Paper Submission Deadline & Registration opening**
- 01 May 2026 ● Review comments to authors
- 01 July 2026 ● Paper Re-submission Deadline**
- 15 July 2026 ● Notification of presentation acceptance
- 01 Sep 2026 ● Congress Speaker Registration due**
- 01 Nov 2026 ● Publication of Book of Abstracts and Congress Proceedings



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