FIRST SUMMER SCHOOL OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ENGINEERING GEOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Aosta Valley (ITALY) 13 - 18 July 2020

The school is dedicated to PhD students in Earth Sciences and Engineering Geology

NO REGISTRATION FEE IS REQUIRED

The number of participants is limited
Application deadline: March 30, 2020

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IMPACTS OF SLOPE INSTABILITIES ON LARGE INFRASTRUCTURES

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FIELD TRIP

Beauregard Dam, Valgrisenche

Mont Blanc Tunnel, Skyway, Mont de La Saxe rockslide, Planpincieux glacier

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Among the most essential activities of engineering geology, there is proactive support in correct planning, realization and of course maintenance of large infrastructures.

Large infrastructures (eg. dams, bridges, tunnels) are as a rule, often realized in complex environments, where number of geological and natural risks (geo status, processes, and events) and their interplay, represent a potential threat to the functionality and safety of infrastructures, workers and users, and as a consequence to the health of citizens as well as to the welfare and functions of communities and their economy. The European Alpine environment represents an excellent example in this sense: complex geological setting and the presence of different slope instabilities together with extreme climate events can hamper the construction and pose at risk the management of infrastructures during their life.

In 2020 the first official IAEG Summer School is organized in the Aosta Valley region, in the North West of Italy, and is indeed aimed to describe the possible impacts of different infrastructures like dams, tunnels, and other construction realized in the last century in an alpine region. The school will be focused on the description of impacts, but it also will put attention towards correct approaches for the definition of the geological model, the design of the infrastructure, its maintenance, and besides on the proper communication efforts.

The IAEG Summer School participation is free of charge. The number of participants is limited to 30 people, and primarily reserved for Ph.D. students. Post Doc and Master degree students will be considered if places would be available.

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SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM

13 – 18 July, 2020

Monday

16-18.30 Summer school registration

Tuesday (Summer school introduction)

9.30 – 10.00 Introduction to the IAEG Summer School and presentation of IAEG activities
10.00 -10.30 Welcome to the Aosta Valley Region (Raffaele Rocco)
10.30-11.00 Coffee break
11.00-12.00 Introduction to geology and geomorphology of the Aosta Valley Region (Franco Gianotti)
12.00 – 13.30 Lunch
13.30-15.15 Engineering Geology, Structures and Infrastructures, Risk and Cost-Benefit Analysis (Farrok Nadim)
16.30-18.00 Poster Ice breaker presentations (5-10 minutes presentation of every participant) to be defined according to the PhD-PostDoc student distribution

Wednesday (Impacts assessment and monitoring solutions of slope instabilities)

9.00-10.45 Deep seated gravitational slope deformations in the Alps (Giovanni Crosta)
11.15-13.00 Rockfalls risk assessment (Michel Jaboyedoff)
13.00-14.30 Lunch
14.30-16.15 High mountains glacial instabilities and possible impacts (Fabrizio Troilo)
16.30-18.15 Monitoring solutions for slope instabilities (Christian Zangerl)

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Thursday - Field trip
Giordan, Crosta, Bertolo, Zucca - Mont Blanc Tunnel, Skyway, Mont de La Saxe Rockslide, Planpincieux glacier

Friday (design, construction, maintenance, and economic impact evaluation of large infrastructures)
9.00-10.45 The importance of a reliable geological model for a good design of large infrastructures (Jean Hutchinson)
11.15-13.00 Construction of large infrastructures in complex geology (Vassilis Marinos)
13.00-14.30 Lunch
14.30-16.15 The importance of a correct maintenance of large infrastructures: case studies and best practice
16.30-18.15 Feasibility study and cost/benefit economic evaluation of large infrastructures (Marco Alderighi)

Saturday - Field trip
Giordan - Interaction between the Beauregard Dam and deep-seated gravitational slope deformation