



International Association of Engineering Geology and Environment – IAEG 2015 Annual Report

The International Association of Engineering Geology and Environment (IAEG) held its annual executive committee and council meetings in Delhi, India. The executive committee meeting took place on 25 October 2015 followed the day after by the annual council, on 26 October 2015. During the latter, the following matters were discussed: (i) approval of the minutes of the previous meeting in Torino, (ii) Report of the president, (iii) Report of the secretary general, (iv) Financial report of 2015, Budget for 2016-for approval, (v) Report of the VPs (membership recruitment, activity and promotion, other issues), (vi) TOC & Commissions (reports on activity of Cs, TOC term change, Chairman of C4 and task, Multilingual Landslide Glossary, IAEG international research program, IRP project progress report, IAEG Science-Technology Awards), (vii) Progress and plan of Website, (viii) Report from Bulletin (progress and related issues, structure of membership fees), (ix) IAEG sponsored meeting (report of IAEG Asian Regional Conference, IAEG European Regional Conference, IAEG Symposium 2016 in Cape Town, IAEG symposium 2016 in Qingdao, IAEG Congress 2018 in USA), (x) Date & venue of 2016 Executive Committee & Council meeting, (xi) Cooperation with sister societies. Representatives of 26 national and regional groups, 12 Executive Committee members, three past presidents and chairmen of four Commissions attended the meeting, (xii) Cooperation with sister societies, including FedIGS (International Forum on GeoEngineering) meeting 2015 and how to learn from sister societies.

FedIGS, the International Forum on GeoEngineering, is an umbrella organization linking international professional societies in the field of “Geo-Engineering” and serving to facilitate cooperation among them. The current members are the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE), the International Society for Rock Mechanics (ISRM), the International Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment (IAEG), and the International Geosynthetics Society (IGS).

The report of the IAEG President, Scott BURNS, and of the IAEG General Secretary, Faquan WU, were both positive and revealed a healthy, active and expanding association. The IAEG has more than 4162 members worldwide, with a significant European component. The figure represents a 8% increase over 2014.

The year 2014 marked the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the IAEG. The special volume “IAEG 50th Anniversary Book” was printed by China Science Press, and was distributed to participating members during the XII IAEG Congress in Turin. In 2015, the volume was sent to all national group members worldwide.

The IAEG XII Congress Torino 2014, Engineering Geology for Society and Territory, was a great success, with more than 1200 registered participants from 58 countries, the largest participation ever to an IAEG Congress. CNR, chiefly through the *Istituto di Ricerca per la Protezione Idrogeologica* (CNR IRPI, <http://www.irpi.cnr.it>) contributed significantly to the organization and management of the congress, and to the scientific programme. A number of



CNR scientists were editors of the proceedings, contributed to the review process, and published papers in the 8-volume congress proceedings.

In 2015, CNR IRPI acquired the copyright of all the papers presented at the conference and published by Springer in eight volumes, totaling 8643 pages printed pages with 1300 contributions. Shortly afterwards, all the papers were indexed by Thompson Reuters in their Web of Science database, and in and Scopus, further contributing to the dissemination of the published materials.

Published by Springer, the Bulletin of Engineering Geology and the Environment is the official scientific journal of the IAEG, and is sent to the subscribing members in printed format. It is also available online. The journal is indexed in the Web of Science and Scopus. Daniele GIORDAN, a CNR IRPI research scientist is in the editorial board of the journal.

In 2015, CNR IRPI signed a specific agreement with the Italian section of the IAEG, represented by its President, Prof. Giovanni Battista CROSTA (<http://www.irpi.cnr.it/collaborazioni/iaeg/>). With the agreement, CNR IRPI provides logistic and technical support to the IAEG, including office space and part time support staff at the IRPI centre in Torino. The support includes the hosting and maintenance of the IAEG Italian and International web sites.

Ing. Giorgio LOLLINO, IAEG Vice President for southern Europe, past national CNR Representative, and an associate research scientist to CNR IRPI, maintains fruitful links between CNR IRPI, the Italian section of IAEG, and the global International Association of Engineering Geology and Environment.

Additional information on the IAEG and its activities in 2015 is available from the IAEG newsletters, available here: <http://www.iaeg.info/newsletters/>.

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