



International Society for Rock Mechanics and Rock Engineering

ISRM Council Meeting

News Release

Singapore, 30 October 2018

The ISRM held its 2018 Council meeting in Singapore, on the 30th of October, in conjunction with the International Symposium ARMS10, organised by the Society for Rock Mechanics & Engineering Geology, the ISRM National Group of Singapore. 52 out of the 61 National Groups were either present or represented. The Council was also attended by Past President Prof. Shunsuke Sakurai, the Board members and the chairmen of several ISRM Commissions.

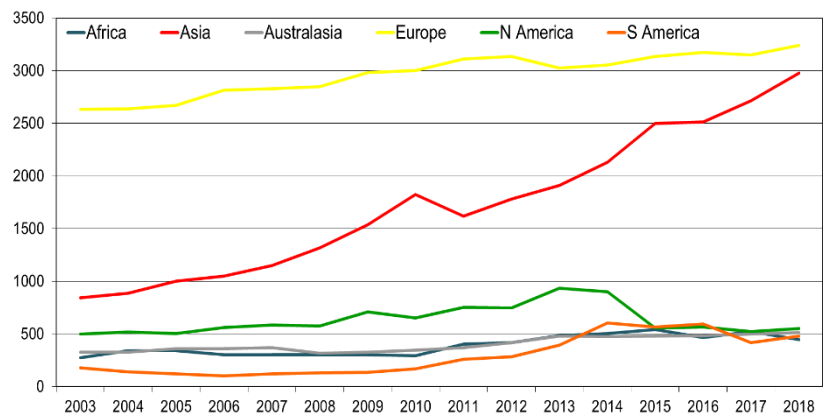


Membership of the ISRM

The ISRM has an all-time record of 8216 individual members and 155 corporate members, belonging to 61 National Groups. This represents an increase of 5% in the number of individual members since the last year, mainly from China and Russia.

Salzburg, Austria, to host the 15th ISRM International Congress in 2023

After a competition between two excellent proposals presented by Austria and by Korea to host the 15th International Congress of the ISRM, the Council selected the Austrian proposal.



Peter Kaiser (Canada) will receive the 8th Müller Award

The Müller Award is the most prestigious award of the ISRM, made once every four years at the ISRM Congress, in recognition of distinguished contributions to the profession of rock mechanics and rock engineering. Three nominations were received: Dr Erion Bukaci from Albania, Prof. Peter Kaiser from Canada and Prof. Thomas Richard (Dick) Stacey from South Africa. Prof. Peter Kaiser was selected by the Council to receive the award. He will deliver the Müller lecture during the 14th ISRM International Congress in Foz de Iguacu, Brazil, September 2019.



Rocha Medal 2019: winners were announced

The Rocha Award Committee selected the winner of the Rocha Medal 2019, Lei Qinghua (China) with the thesis “Characterisation and modelling of natural fracture networks: geometry, geomechanics and fluid flow” (Imperial College, UK) and one runner-up, Wu Bangbiao (China) with the thesis “Dynamic tensile failure of rocks subjected to simulated in situ stresses” (Univ. of Toronto, Canada). The award consists of the Rocha medal, a diploma and a cash prize. It will be given during the 15th ISRM Congress in Brazil.



2020 ISRM International Symposium in Trondheim, Norway

The Council approved the application from the National Group of Norway to host the 2020 ISRM International Symposium, 13-19 June, at the occasion of the Eurock 2020.

Activities of the Commissions

Several of the 17 ISRM Commissions met on 30 October. The Technical Oversight Committee, which coordinates the work of the Commissions, presented a report on the activities of the Commissions during the past year, with an assessment of the work they develop and recommendations for the future, namely concerning communication and relevance of the Commission products.

14th ISRM International Congress on Rock Mechanics

The 14th ISRM Congress will take place 13-18 September 2019. Brazil, Argentina and Paraguay will be the host countries for the event, to be held in Foz do Iguassu, city that marks the common border amongst these countries. This is the main event of the ISRM, which takes place every four years. An exciting program has been prepared (www.isrm2019.com).



ISRM 14TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ROCK MECHANICS

September 13 to 18, 2019 - Iguassu Falls - Brazil

ISRM sponsored conferences were presented at the Council meeting

The number of ISRM sponsored conferences has been rising. The following conferences were presented: "ARMS10", Singapore, 29 Oct.-3 Nov. 2018; "South American Symp. on Rock Excavations", Santiago, Chile, 19-21 Nov. 2019"; "AusRock 2018", Sydney, Australia, 28-30 Nov.; "2019 Rock Dynamics Summit", Okinawa, Japan, 7-11 May"; "Geotechnical Challenges in Karst", Split, Croatia, 11-13 Apr.; "YSRM2019 - the 5th ISRM Young Scholars' Symp. on Rock Mechanics and REIF2019 - International Symp. on Rock Engng for Innovative Future", Okinawa, Japan, 1-4 Dec.; "ISRM 14th International Congress", Foz do Iguassu, Brazil, 13-18 Sep. 2019.



Meeting of the ISRM Board 2015-2019 in Singapore: ltr, front row Sérgio Fontoura, Seokwon Jeon, Sofia Meess (executive secretary), Eda Quadros, Charlie Li, Norikazu Shimizu, Manchao He; back row Luís Lamas, Petr Konicek, Doug Stead, William Joughin, Resat Ulusay and Stuart Read.

FedIGS - Federation of the International Geo-engineering Societies

The FedIGS Board meetings was held in September 2018 in San Francisco, U.S.A.. FedIGS joins the IAEG, the IGS, the ISRM and the ISSMGE. Prof. Feng Xia-Ting, immediate past President of the ISRM, was elected FedIGS President.

The ISRM Digital Library

The ISRM Digital Library, hosted by OnePetro (www.onepetro.org), continues to be updated with papers from ISRM sponsored conferences. It has now 54 ISRM sponsored conferences, with over 69,000 pages (this is 430 kg of paper!). Members can download 100 papers per year at no cost.

New guidelines for awards and conference proceedings

The Board approved the guidelines for two awards: the "Best Paper Award" at ISRM International and Regional Symposia and the "ISRM Technical Excellence Award" to be given every two years. Guidelines for "ISRM Science and Technology Awards" are being finalised and will be approved soon. The Board also approved "Guidelines for the Proceedings of ISRM Sponsored Conferences".

Communication

The ISRM website (www.isrm.net) continues to be the main source of information about the Society and most benefits are offered to the members in a password protected members' area. The ISRM LinkedIn page helps disseminate ISRM news to a broad audience of Rock Mechanics professionals.

Look for @IntSocRockMec. Add us to your Twitter feed and don't miss any news.

The digital newsletter is sent to all ISRM members and subscribers every three months. It includes news about the society and other news of interest to rock mechanics. Contributions are welcome.

The latest issue of the News Journal contains the annual review of the Society's activity, the Rocha Lectures 2017 and other items of interest. It was posted on the website where it can be read online, or it can be downloaded.



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