



Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date and Location of Meeting:

20th December 2018, The Geological Society, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1J 0BG

24 members were present at the meeting.

1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from John Marshall, Nico Brusa, Andrew Dunn, Peter Atchinson, Nigel Wrigley, Guy Watts, Chris Jenner and Derek Smith.

2 Minutes of last meeting

The Chair requested that the minutes of the AGM held on 13th December 2017 be accepted as an accurate record. Acceptance was proposed by Ian Fraser, seconded by Eugene Gallagher and accepted unanimously.

3 Chair's Report

Chaido Doulala-Rigby [Yuli] presented her Chair's Report. The UK Chapter has:

130 individual paid members,

Including: 5 honorary free memberships
9 EuroGeo4 Legacy free Memberships [Expiring at the end of 2018]

16 student members (free).

146 Total Individual Members

34 UK chapter paid Sponsors

The main meeting of the year was the "Geosynthetics in Railway engineering" symposium held in York in April. It was attended by 124 international delegates and 14 exhibitors.

This year's Invitational Lecture was delivered by Ji Han (University of Kansas), and was very well attended in person and online. In addition, there were six further meetings around the UK covering a range of geosynthetic topics. The Golf Day was held at Rudding Park in September and attracted 6 teams. The Invitational Lecture in 2019 will be given by Alan Bamforth.

Regarding International IGS matters, the Chair advised the Officers are as follows:

President – Chungsik Yoo
Vice-President – Nathalie Touze
Secretary General – Edoardo Zannoni
Treasurer – Ian Fraser
Secretariat Manager – Terry Ann Paulo
Immediate Past President – Russel Jones

The IGS is leading a 'Support the Educator' initiative worldwide. The UK Chapter is proactively participating by developing a high-level neutral presentation intended as an introduction to geosynthetics for undergraduate students. The committee is also preparing a list of project suggestions for final year Meng and MSc Dissertations on geosynthetic-related topics.

The Chair summarised a list of UK Chapter members who sit on various relevant Technical Committees as follows (it should be noted that the list is not exhaustive):

- BSI B/553 Geosynthetics: **D Shercliff**
- BSI B/526-4 Reinforced Soil: **G Horgan**
- CEN TC189 – A Leech (Convenor, WG3) + various others
- ISO TC221 WG1 – P Atchinson (WG1 Convenor)
- ISO TC221 WG6 (Design) – D Smith (Convenor) + various
- Ground Forum / CIC: **Y Doulala-Rigby**
- BGA: **Y Doulala-Rigby**

- IGS Council: R Jones and I Fraser
- EC7 Evolution Group: C Jenner
- Temporary Works Forum: **Y Doulala-Rigby, P Guerra Escobar**
- TC218 Reinforced Fill Structures: Y Doulala-Rigby, P Guerra Escobar, D Woods, I Scotland
- IGS Technical Cttee – Barriers (TC-B): E Gallagher
- TC215 (ISSMGE) Environmental Geotechnics: E Gallagher

Only those whose names are in **bold** type above are nominated representatives of IGS UK.

The Chair concluded her report and handed over to the Treasurer.

4 Treasurer's Report

Patrick Flood presented the Treasurer's Report. Detailed copies of the Accounts and Budget were presented on-screen. The accounts for the year ended 18 October 2018 show a deficit of income against expenditure of £8,997.87 [vs. a budget of £2,000] and total assets of £33,220.36. Most of the deficit arose from subsidising the Rail Symposium at the National Rail Museum, York, on the basis that increased the awareness of geosynthetics and good practice. Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Patricia Guerra-Escobar, seconded by Andy Cracknell and passed unanimously.

The Treasurer then presented the budget for 2018-9. Individual membership fees will remain as in 2017-8 while Student membership will remain free of charge. Chapter Sponsors fees will remain as in 2017-2018 with £130 including 3 individual memberships, as part of the drive for increased membership. The Golf Day will be expected to break even. A loss of £3,000 on the year has been allowed for. Acceptance of the budget was proposed by Yuli Doulala-Rigby, seconded by Neil Dixon and passed unanimously.

5 Election of Officers and Committee

The Chairman reported that Nico Brusa had stood down from the Committee. All other members are willing to continue. The full committee for 2019 is as follows:

Officers

Chair: Andrew Belton
Vice Chair: Patricia Guerra Escobar
Treasurer: Patrick Flood
Secretary: Ian Scotland
Immediate Past Chair: Yuli Doulala-Rigby

Continuing Committee Members

Andy Cracknell
Eugene Gallagher
Margarida Fernandes De Pinho Lopes
David Shercliff
Dave Woods
Rui Jian

Three nominations for committee were put to the meeting; Scott Harvey (Maccaferri), Darren Bland (CQA International) and Alireza Tatari (University of Portsmouth). Acceptance was proposed by Gary Fowmes, seconded by Dave Woods and passed unanimously.

6 Appointment of Auditors

The appointment of Chris Jenner and Ian Fraser to continue as Auditors was proposed by Eugene Gallagher, seconded by Andy Belton and passed unanimously.

7 Any Other Business

Yuli Doulala-Rigby reminded the audience of the upcoming EuroGeo 7 conference, to be held in Warsaw, Poland between 6th and 9th September 2020.

There being no further business, the incoming Chair then closed the AGM and introduced the presentation by the retiring Chair:

“Reinforced Soil Walls: An Historic review from the mid-60's original concept to today's design and construction practice using site-won and other non-standard reinforced fills” by Yuli Doulala-Rigby, Tensar.