

Dr. Luís Lamas
Secretary General
International Society for Rock Mechanics
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March 6th 2023

Nomination of Professor Heinz Konietzky for ISRM Vice-President Europe 2023-2027

Dear Dr. Lamas,

The German National Group of the ISRM, the German Geotechnical Society (DGGT), would like to nominate Professor Dr.-Ing. habil. Heinz Konietzky, for the position of ISRM Vice President Europe for the term 2023 – 2027.

Professor Konietzky is currently a university professor for rock mechanics and rock engineering and head of the Rock Mechanical Laboratory at TU Bergakademie Freiberg in Germany.

He has been actively participating in ISRM activities, i.e., in ISRM working groups, as member of the ISRM Commission on Testing Methods, at many EUROCK conferences and as a former core member of the Federation of International Geo-engineering Societies.

Professor Konietzky is internationally active and has many years of experience as geotechnical engineer and as scientist and has a worldwide network of colleagues all along European countries. Therefore, we believe he will fulfil the responsibilities of the ISRM Vice President Europe in an excellent way and contribute much to the ISRM and its aims.

A one-page curriculum vitae and a statement of the nominee are attached with this nomination letter as required by the ISRM by-laws.

Yours sincerely,



Univ.-Prof. Dr.-Ing. habil. Christian Moormann
President of the German Geotechnical Society

Heinz Konietzky, Prof. Dr.-Ing. habil.

TU Bergakademie Freiberg, Geotechnical Institute
Gustav-Zeuner-Straße 1, D-09599 Freiberg, Germany

Current position

Professor (W3) for Rock Mechanics and Rock Engineering and
Head of the Rock Mechanical Laboratory at TU Bergakademie Freiberg

Academic education

1982 – 1987 Study of Geotechnical Engineering at TU Bergakademie Freiberg
1987 - 1989 PhD student at Geotechnical Institute at TU Bergakademie Freiberg

Academic degrees

2001 Habilitation in Geotechnical Engineering
1989 PhD in Geotechnical Engineering

Scientific and professional career since graduation

2006 - Present Professor (W3) for Rock Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering at TU Bergakademie Freiberg
1993 - 2006 Itasca Consultants GmbH, Bochum and Gelsenkirchen, Director
1991 - 1992 Itasca Consultants SA, Orleans, France, Project Research Engineer
1990 – 1991 MeSy – GmbH, Bochum, Germany, Project and Research Engineer

Functions and honors

2001 Kögler-Special-Award of Society of Geotechnical Engineers Freiberg
2008 - 2012 Core member of FedIGS (umbrella organisation of ISRM, ISSMGE and IAEG)
since 2011 Examiner and Consultant for the Mining Authority Saxony
since 2011 Reviewer for the Mining Authority of Saxony-Anhalt
2013-2023 Director of the Geotechnical Institute
2015 Chutian-Scholar-Award (China)
since 2015 Editorial board: Theoretical & Applied Mechanics Letters
since 2015 Member of Int. Advisory Board, Institute of Geonics, Czech Academy of Sciences
since 2015 Editorial board: Journal of Rock Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering
2016 Franklin-Award of the International Society of Rock Mechanics
since 2016 Editorial board: Rock Mechanics Rock Engineering
since 2017 Appointed Consultant for the Mining Authority West (Austria)
since 2019 Member of the EGT (ENSI, Switzerland)
since 2021 Editorial board: Int. Journal of Coal Science & Technology
since 2022 Editorial board: Deep Underground Science and Engineering
2022 2nd European Rock Mechanics Debate “What model for what application in rock mechanics”
since 2022 Member of ISRM Commission on Testing Methods (SM direct tensile tests / SM transverse isotropic rocks)

- Supervisor of 32 PhD students (already finished and successfully defended thesis) from different countries in Europe, Asia and Africa
- Conduction of several training courses / workshops all over Europe and Asia
- Supervisor of 7 Humboldt scholars from Australia, China, Canada, Sri Lanka

Publications

SCOPUS: 193 papers, h-index: 35, citations: 3518, downloads > 100.000

Google Scholar: h-index: 39, i10-index: 114, citations: 4786



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Dear Secretary General of the ISRM,

I herewith declare my interest and readiness for ISRM Vice-President Europe. I am aware about the duties and responsibilities as documented in the statutes. Based on my longstanding professional experience as geotechnical engineer and scientist including my management work I believe to have the necessary background and skills to fulfill this position. I have strong connections to many scientists and engineers worldwide due to joint projects and scientific work, but also due to activities in ISRM work groups, active participation at many EUROCK conferences and as former core member of FedIGS. In case of my election I will strengthen the ISRM activities within Europe, but also extend the cooperation with other groups worldwide.

With kind regards

Prof. Dr.-Ing. habil. Heinz Konietzky
Chair for Rock Mechanics and Director of Geotechnical Institute