

News Release

ISRM Council Meeting

Wrocław, 22 September 2013

The ISRM held its Council meeting in Wrocław, Poland, in conjunction with EUROCK 2013, organised by the Polish ISRM National Group, the Polish Society for Rock Mechanics. 40 of the 53 National Groups were either present or represented. The Council was also attended by two Past-Presidents, the Chairmen of the ISRM Commissions and representatives of the IAEG the ISSMGE and the ITA.

Dr. Eda Quadros elected as ISRM President for the term 2015-2019

One nomination for President of the ISRM for the term 2015-2019 was received: Dr Eda Quadros, from Brazil. Dr Quadros was elected by acclamation as the next ISRM President. She will start her term of office after the 14th International Congress of the ISRM, in Montréal, Canada, in 2015.



Membership

The ISRM has now 7063 individual members and 145 corporate members, belonging to 53 National Groups. Albania, Hungary, Tunisia and Vietnam joined the ISRM in the last year. This is the highest number of individual members ever and represents an increase of 4% since 2012. 42% of the members come from Europe, and Asia has been the fastest growing region in the last years.

Initiatives of the ISRM

The President Prof. Xia-Ting Feng, explained the initiatives that are underway and the main recent achievements. He mentioned the growth in the number of individual members and National Groups, the Commissions that were created, the production of Suggested Methods, the online lectures, the rock mechanics multilingual glossary, the ISRM book series and the Foundation for Education.



Applications to host the 14th International Congress in 2019

Two applications were received, from Brazil and India. Prof. Sérgio Fontoura presented to the Council meeting the proposal of the Brazilian Rock Mechanics Committee to host the Congress in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil. Dr Manoj Vermon, on behalf of the Indian National Group of the ISRM, presented to proposal to host the Congress in Agra, India.

Communication

The 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. A new home page will be inaugurated shortly

The digital newsletter is sent to all ISRM members and subscribers every 3 months. It includes news about the society and other news of interest to rock mechanics. Contributions are welcome with news on issues of general interest.

The latest issue of the **News Journal** contains the annual review of the Society's activity along 2012. It can be read online on the website or it can be downloaded.

The **Digital Library**, hosted by OnePetro.org, continues to be updated with papers from ISRM sponsored conferences. It has now 6,000 papers from 29 conferences, with over 42,000 pages. Members can download 100 papers per year at no cost.

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Commissions

A report on the activities of the Commissions was presented by Prof. Yuzo Onishi, chairman of the Technical Oversight Committee. The following Commissions are now active:

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| - Application of Geophysics to Rock Engineering | - Preservation of Ancient Sites | - Testing Methods | - Hard Rock Excavation |
| - Rock Engineering Design Methodology | - Radioactive Waste Disposal | - Rock Dynamics | - Spall prediction |
| - Underground Research Laboratory Networking | - Crustal Stress and Earthquake | - DDA | - Education |
| - Underground Nuclear Power Plants | - Petroleum Geomechanics | - Soft Rocks | - Grouting |
| - Coupled THMC processes in Geological Materials and Systems | | | |



ISRM Online Lectures

The ISRM started a series of online lectures in 2013. They are broadcast at fixed dates and you can ask questions to the lecturers during a few days. Afterwards, they stay online on the website, where they can be watched. Three were already given. The 4th lecture is planned for December and will be given by Prof. Eduardo Alonso, from Spain, on *Catastrophic landslides; the legacy of Vajont*, to mark the 50th anniversary of this large landslide.

Rocha Medal 2014

The Board awarded the Rocha Medal 2014 to Dr Mandadige Samintha Anne Perera, from Australia, for the thesis *Investigation of the effect of carbon dioxide sequestration on coal seams: A coupled hydro-mechanical behaviour*. She will receive the award at the 2014 ISRM International Symposium in Sapporo, Japan. The Board also

awarded 2 runner-up certificates to Dr Ricardo Resende, from Portugal, for the thesis *An investigation of stress wave propagation through rock joints and rock masses* and to Dr Sevda Dehkhoda, from Australia, for the thesis *Experimental and numerical study of rock breakage by pulsed water jets*.

Submissions for the Rocha Medal 2015 shall be sent to the Secretariat by 31 December 2013.

ISRM sponsored meetings

The organisers of the conferences sponsored by the ISRM presented the progress on their organisation.

- 26-28 May 2014, Vigo, Spain. *EUROCK 2014*. An ISRM Regional Symposium
- 10-13 September 2014, Goiânia, Brazil. *VI Brazilian Rock Mechanics Symposium*. An ISRM Specialised Conference.
- 14-16 October 2014, Sapporo, Japan. *8th Asian Rock Mechanics Symposium*. The 2014 ISRM International Symposium.
- 4-5 November 2014, Sydney. *The 3rd Australasian Ground Control in Mining Conference*. An ISRM Specialised Conference.
- 10-13 May 2015, Montréal, Canada. ISRM 13th International Congress on Rock Mechanics.
- 24-25 September 2015, Island of Ischia, Italy. *4th Workshop on Volcanic Rocks and Soils*. An ISRM Specialised Conference.
- 7-9 October 2015, Salzburg, Austria. *EUROCK 2015 – Geomechanics Colloquy*. An ISRM Regional Symposium.
- May 2016, Cape Town, South Africa. *African Rock Engineering Symposium*. An ISRM Regional Symposium.
- 29-31 August 2016, Cappadocia, Turkey. *EUROCK 2016*. An ISRM Regional Symposium.
- October 2016, Bali, Indonesia. *ARMS 2016 – 9th Asian Rock Mechanics Symposium*. An ISRM Regional Symposium.