



Asunción, Candidate City to the International Symposium ISRM 2021



IX Latin American Rock Mechanics Symposium

Asunción - Paraguay
September 20-22, 2021



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Asunción's historical downtown





View of the historic center and the old port in Asunción Bay

Invitation

The **Geotechnical Society of Paraguay (SPG)**, active member of the **International Society for Rock Mechanics and Rock Engineering (ISRM)**, is pleased to invite you to the **IX Latin American Rock Mechanics Symposium** that will take place in the beautiful city of Asunción, Paraguay from September 20th to 22nd. The congress will host the theme “Challenges in rock mechanics: towards a sustainable development of infrastructure” covering topics of present relevance and interest for the Latin-American region.

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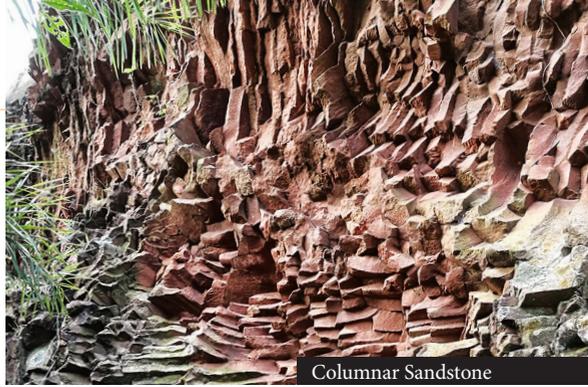
López Palace. Government house



Pantheon of the Heroes

Asunción, capital of Paraguay and known as the Green Capital of Ibero-America due to its rich and abundant greenery, is a dynamic and growing city that combines nature, historical colonial-style architecture and infrastructure. Being at the heart of South America, the city offers easy access from every part of the world and has already been host to many other important international events. Comfortable accommodation in national and international hotel chains is available, as well as many modern conference facilities.

Challenges in rock mechanics: towards a sustainable development of infrastructure



Columnar Sandstone

The IX Latin American Regional Conference of ISRM will host the conversation taking place worldwide regarding sustainable development. We hope to address the main challenges that arise in our discipline when faced with the massive needs of infrastructure, in particular in developing countries.

Topics will include but not be limited to the following:

- Energy infrastructure: dams, reservoirs, waste disposal
- Environmental geomechanics
- Site Characterization
- Soft Rocks
- Tunneling
- Rock mass properties
- Rock mass classification
- Shotcrete
- Numerical methods

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Itaipu Dam

Tentative Program

The preliminary program of the IX Latin American Rock Mechanics Symposium will be as follows:

Sep 19 (Sunday)	Sep 20 (Monday)	Sep 21 (Tuesday)	Sep 22 (Wednesday)	Sep 23 (Thursday)
		RockBowl	RockBowl	Technical Visits
Meetings	Opening Ceremony	Keynote Lecture	Keynote Lecture	
Short Courses and Workshops	Keynote Lecture	Technical Sessions	Technical Sessions	
Welcome Reception	Technical Sessions	Banquet	Closing Ceremony	

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Short Courses and Workshop

Short courses and Workshops will be organized prior to the conference for professional training and development.

RockBowl

Competition among students teams. The questions will feature wide rock mechanics topics, both theoretical and practical.

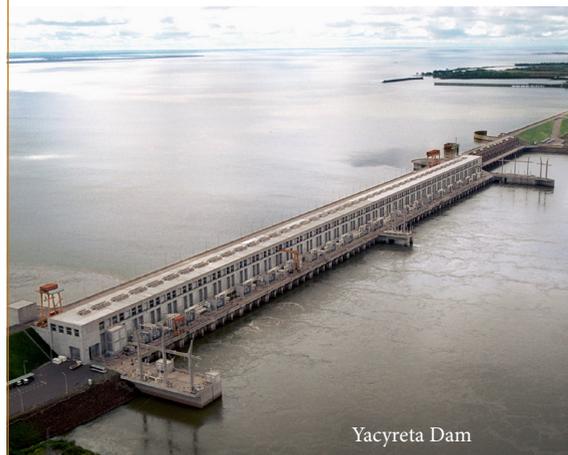
Technical Visits

- Yacyreta Dam
- Itaipu Dam
- Columnar Sandstone

Social Program

Paraguayan Harp Concert

Tourist Visits: Asuncion Historic Center, Ypacarai Lake, Jesuit Missions.



Yacyreta Dam

Registration



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Normal	USD 400
Normal ISRM Members	USD 320
Students	USD 150



History

The Geotechnical Society of Paraguay (SPG) will be the organizer of this symposium. The Paraguayan Geotechnical Society is a non-profit scientific organization that was founded in 1978 for the advancement of the geotechnical engineering practice and research in Paraguay.

SPG and its members have contributed in large scale engineering projects such as the construction of the Itaipu and Yacyreta dams, as well as other important infrastructure projects in Paraguay. Additionally, it has promoted the study and diffusion of geotechnics and fostered the improvement of the geotechnical engineering profession and practice.

The SPG serves as Paraguay's National Group for the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE), the International Society for Rock Mechanics (ISRM) and the International Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment (IAEG) and is strongly linked to other national groups and societies for the exchange of knowledge and science

Venue

Asunción is Paraguay's historic capital city. It was first established as a fort in 1537, named Nuestra Señora Santa María de la Asunción, and later became the center of a large Spanish colonial province.

Asunción is a city of fascinating history, beautiful architecture and charming neighborhoods. Discover the historical downtown and visit the first train station in South America. Stroll along Palma street to reach the National Pantheon of heroes. Enjoy the spectacular lights of the Government Palace, the Cathedral and the Cabildo. The capital of the Republic of Paraguay also offers luxurious hotels of national and international chains to house visitors, shopping centers and residential areas.

Paraguay is characterized by its gastronomy, with countless exquisite flavors expressed in diversity of dishes and delicious desserts, including typical food, made with fresh and natural products. Asunción is well prepared to host congresses, conventions and international events, offering optimal infrastructure adding to the warmth and hospitality of its people



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Booking Information

Asunción is a business destination and arriving with a room reservation is crucial. It is advisable to book accommodation in advance, especially during high season. Some reference prices are detailed in the following table.

Hotel	Category	*Price (USD)
Sheraton Asunción	Single	\$130
	Double	\$140
Aloft Asunción	Single	\$75
	Double	\$80
Bourbon Conmebol	Single	\$140
	Double	\$168
Crowne Plaza Asunción	Single	\$80
	Double	\$80

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