Dear BGA Member,

Flyers, booking arrangements and full details of all BGA events are available on the BGA website at[www.britishgeotech.org.uk](http://www.britishgeotech.org.uk/).

**Attending BGA Events in person:**  Please let us know if your commitments prevent you from attending an event for which you have previously registered so that a) someone else may do so and b) we have a full theatre.

**Corporate Sponsorship for Networking after BGA Lectures in London**:  members tell us they value mixing with other industry professionals when attending lectures in person and the BGA have been fortunate to secure corporate sponsorship for the ICE Café Bar to be open after Lectures – please support this initiative and make the most of the facilities available.

**Recordings of past events on ICE website:** for the first three months access is restricted to ICE and Society members who will need their membership number to do so.

**International events** are not generally listed in this newsletter unless organised under the auspices of ISSMGE Technical committees or ISRM; members are directed to <http://britishgeotech.org/events/conferences/> or BGA social media (Linked In, Twitter and Facebook) for full details.

**Headlines and Deadlines**

* **Wednesday 21 March:** pre-Rankine half-day seminar
* **Wednesday 21 March:**Rankine Lecture & Dinner
* **Monday 16 April:** deadline for BGA Committee nominations
* **Tuesday 17 April:** Bishop and the early years of soil mechanics in England
* **Wednesday 18 April**: Top-down Construction for deep excavations
* in urban areas - lessons from Hong Kong
* **Wednesday 25 April:** half-day seminar on “Effects of Tunnelling on existing tunnels”
* **Wednesday 16 May**: BGA ECG event: Construction Disputes & “Adult Tantrums”
* **Thursday 17 May:** Joint meeting with BTS - Crossrail’s Experience of Geotechnical Baseline Reports – A Client’s Perspective
* **Tuesday 19 June**: **BGA AGM and Annual Conference**
* **Skempton Medal** to be presented to David Hartwell at AGM
* **Dr Richard (Dickie) Bassett**, Emeritus Reader in Geomechanics, Dept of Civil, Environ & Geomatic Eng, Faculty of Engineering Science at UCL, died on 3rd February 2018
* **Prof Sven Hansbo** of Stockholm died on 8th January, aged 93
* **BGA Survey** to be launched shortly – your participation would be appreciated
* **Other 2018 events** and beyond to put on your calendar

1. **PAST UK EVENTS 2017**

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| **New** | 14 November 2017 | Géotechnique Lecture | Dr Jonathan Knappett on “Use of vegetation in low-carbon Geotechnical Engineering”: watch online at <https://www.ice.org.uk/eventarchive/geotechnique-lecture-2017> |
| **New** | 6 December 2017 | Fleming Award 2017 | Won by the Oxford University, Imperial College London, Socotec, DONG Energy (now Orsted) and the Carbon Trust Team for their presentation on the PISA project. Watch online at <https://www.ice.org.uk/eventarchive/fleming-award-2017-london> |

1. **PAST EVENTS 2018**

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| **New** | 24 January 2018 | John Mitchell Award Lecture | Len Threadgold on “Rethinking Site Investigation design, practice and procurement”. Watch online at <https://www.ice.org.uk/eventarchive/the-john-mitchell-award-lecture-2018-london> |
|  | 7 March 2018 | BGA Evening Meeting | At ICE Westminster. Electrokinetic treatment of soils to aid dewatering, accelerate consolidation, enhance soil strength and control pore water pressure – theory and recent practice presented by Prof Colin Jones and David Alder of Electrokinetic Ltd who are kindly sponsoring the ICE Café Bar afterwards. Lecture available online shortly but now available in pdf via BGA website. |

1. **RANKINE EVENTS: 21 March 2018 at Imperial College London**

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| **New** | 1.00 – 4.30 pm | Pre-Rankine Seminar | Linking fabric, structure and soil behaviour - Recent  Advancements; free and registration not required. |
| **Updated information** | 5.30 pm  (tea/coffee served between 4.00 – 5.30 pm) | 58th BGA Rankine Lecture | **Dr** **Nick O’Riordan of Arup** on **“Dynamic soil-structure interaction - Understanding the Holocene, instrumenting the Anthropocene”.**   * Personal attendance: free, advance registration not required. Please don’t reserve seats for absent colleagues or leave theatres once seated. * Overflow in Clore Theatre will stream YouTube broadcast below. * Broadcasting: the Lecture will be streamed live via YouTube at [**https://youtu.be/KarGPUISo7M**](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/mMA2CW7jXh5jyg5H1uqTO?domain=youtu.be).  Live broadcasting problems: text or WhatsApp message to **07725 159761** (not for general enquiries). |
| **Sold out** | 7.30 pm | 58th BGA Rankine Dinner | Queen’s Tower Room, Sherfield Building – electronic tickets and further information has been issued. |
| **New** | 7.30 pm | Post Rankine Drinks | BGA ECG drinks in the H-Bar sponsored by AECOM. |

1. **FUTURE EVENTS 2018**

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|  | 11 April 2018 | AGS Members’ Day | National Motorcycle Museum, Birmingham. Details at <https://www.ags.org.uk/2017/11/ags-members-day-2018/> |
| **New & Important deadline!** | 16 April 2018 | BGA Executive Committee | Nominations are invited for candidates to be elected to serve on the committee: information and forms available at [https://www.britishgeotech.org/news/2018/02/call-for-nominations-for-the-bga-executive-committee-deadline-16-april-2018](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/wbJOCvo9rc7jDA9FzwBLB?domain=britishgeotech.org) |
| **New** | 17 April 2018  18:00 hours | At Imperial College Tea/coffee available from 17.30 pm | Lawrie Wesley will explore “Bishop and the early years of soil mechanics in England”. full details at <https://www.ice.org.uk/events/bishop-and-the-early-years-of-soil-mechanics> |
| **Update** | 18 April 2018 | BGA Evening Meeting | John Endicott of AECOM will speak on “Top-down Construction for deep excavations in urban areas - lessons from Hong Kong”. AECOM are kindly sponsoring the ICE Café Bar afterwards. Book online at <https://www.ice.org.uk/events/top-down-construction-in-urban-areas-london>.. |
| **New** | 18 April 2018 | 5th IGS Symposium | Geosynthetics in Railway Engineering Working Towards 2025 at National Railway Museum, Leeman Road, York, YO26 4XJ; flyer at <http://www.igs-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/5th-IGS-Symposium-Flier-19-2-18.pdf> |
| **New** | 25 April 2018 | BDA Seminar- | Emerging Best Practice in Ground Investigation for Linear Infrastructure Project at the Orange Gallery in the Lighthouse Glasgow: <http://www.britishdrillingassociation.co.uk/Events/Emerging-Best-Practice-in-Ground-Investigation-for-Linear-Infrastructure-Projects-Glasgow--57> |
| **New** | 25 April 2018  13:00 | Imperial College half-day seminar | Effects of Tunnelling on Existing Tunnels: free to attend but e-mail [s.feller@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:s.feller@imperial.ac.uk) |
| **New** | 16 May 2018  18:30 | BGA ECG event | At ICE Westminster: Construction Disputes & “Adult Tantrums”. Book online at <https://www.ice.org.uk/events/construction-disputes-and-adult-tantrums-london> |
| **New** | **Thursday** 17 May 2018 | BGA Joint Evening Meeting with BTS | Crossrail’s Experience of Geotechnical Baseline Reports – A Client’s Perspective. Advance registration not required. ICE Café Bar open afterwards. |
|  | 6 June 2018 | *Ground Engineering Awards 2018* | Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of GE Awards and *Ground Engineering* magazine’s 50th anniversary. 16 categories (entry deadline extended to 26 January 2018) plus the brand new ‘Project of the Decade’ selecting the best project from the winners over the past 10 years.Entries and details: [https://awards.geplus.co.uk/enter?utm\_source=AGS&utm\_medium=contra&utm\_campaign=AWD\_GE\_Awards\_EntriesAcquisition\_2018](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/1ZD0BFW8OqhM?domain=awards.geplus.co.uk). BGA members should contact GE Sales Team to obtain discount on places at the event. |
| **Date for your diary** | **TUESDAY 19 June 2018** | BGA AGM and Annual Conference | Programme and sponsorship opportunities available shortly. |
| **Newsletter No 7 now available** | 17-18 September 2018 | **Engineering in Chalk 2018** | BGA 2-day conference at Imperial College, London in association with the Engineering Group of the Geological Society; further details at [http://www.chalk2018.org](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/WZ6JBFVLL8U1?domain=chalk2018.org); Early Bird booking to open shortly. |

1. **YOUNG ENGINEERS**

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| **Winner announced** | 28 February 2018 | **49th Cooling Prize Competition** | Won by **Joseph Newhouse** of Mott MacDonald for his presentation on “Ground movement due to shaft construction” |
| **New** | 21 March 2018 | Post Rankine Lecture  Drinks | See <https://www.britishgeotech.org/events/152-ecg-post-rankine-drinks> for details. |
| **Next meeting** | 16 May 2018 | BGA ECG event | At ICE Westminster: Construction Disputes & “Adult Tantrums”. Book online at <https://www.ice.org.uk/events/construction-disputes-and-adult-tantrums-london> |
| **Reminder - deadline** | 31May 2018 and 30 November 2018 | BGA Fund | Applications for a BGA Fund Award to assist students with expenditure such as field trips etc will be considered twice a year. Information and forms at <https://www.britishgeotech.org/about-us/bga-fund> |

1. **GROUND FORUM**

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| New Ground Forum website now live. |  |  | Updated site <http://www.ground-forum.org.uk/> includes changes to the home page and improved structure of the content, including non-BGA events of interest to ground engineers. |
|  |  | Brexit Digest | Brexit digest – a summary of articles from the media. Sign up for e-newsletter at <http://cic.us6.list-manage1.com/subscribe?u=6b20ea5b6c&id=f4c2b1fdc6> |

1. **UK Register of Ground Engineering Professionals (RoGEP)**

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|  | **Application Deadline** | **Result issued no later than** | Apply to join the UK RoGEP if you are chartered with ICE; the Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining (IoM3); or the Geological Society London (GSL). |
|  | 24 April 2018 | 03 July 2018 | Those becoming Chartered within the last 12 months can apply with a simplified application process at a reduced cost of £30 |
|  | 24 July 2018 | 02 October 2018 | Visit [ice.org.uk/rogep](http://www.ice.org.uk/rogep) for further details or |
|  | 23 October 2018 | 09 January 2019 | contact [registers@ice.org.uk](mailto:registers@ice.org.uk) |

1. **PUBLICATIONS**

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| **New: Call for papers deadline** | 10 April 2018 | ***Géotechnique Letters*** | *Latest Findings on Micro to Macro Mechanics of Geomaterials*. To submit an abstract, visit this Google Form: [https://goo.gl/forms/6V3hW54Yy5Q16zyF3](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/Y_RdCAP9gsN3L1GU9DLtw?domain=comms.icepublishing.com) |
| **New: Call for Papers deadline** | 28 May 2018 | ***International Journal of Physical Modelling in Geotechnics: Call for Papers*** | Physical Modelling of Landslides: [**download the Call for Papers**](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/ryQKCyrJxhrNr1ZSNgzA_?domain=comms.icepublishing.com).   For more information on the journal, please [**visit the website**](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/4cSTCzKxycMRM16iwCfxm?domain=comms.icepublishing.com). |
| **Online Access problems** |  | ***Ground Engineering*** | If you are experiencing difficulty logging on to the GE Members’ Area please contact the GE Editor direct at [Claire.Smith@emap.com](mailto:Claire.Smith@emap.com);  she will ask the corporate subscriptions department to resolve it for you. |
| **update** | ICE Informs | February | * panel debate in Parliament on Delivering the Northern Powerhouse Strategy report. * One day conference “What is the City but the People” * Project 13 workstrands   contact  [joanna.gonet@ice.org.uk](mailto:joanna.gonets@ice.org.uk) for further information. |
|  | The Association of Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Specialists | *AGS Magazine* | AGS e-magazine, focussing on geotechnics, engineering geology and Geoenvironmental engineering as well as the work and achievements of the AGS, reviews topical issues, insights and concerns, publishes new guidance notes, working group activities and provides information on upcoming conferences and industry seminars. Contact [ags@ags.org.uk](mailto:ags@ags.org.uk) for further information. |
|  | Special offer for BGA members | *Canadian Geotechnical Journal* | Access all content electronically from CGJ from 1996 to 2015 for just $50 US instead of $246 US. E-mail [nrcresearchpress-csp@subscriptionoffice.com](mailto:nrcresearchpress-csp@subscriptionoffice.com) and type “CGJ\_BGA personal subscription” in the subject field; you will need your BGA membership number. Full details on BGA website. |
| **NOTE: Important information for members** | ISSMGE | News & Information Circular and Latest bulletins | See BGA website and [https://www.issmge.org/publications/issmge-bulletin/vol11-issue-6-dec-2017](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/JJmpCgLQNuAxm1wfkaFG7?domain=issmge.org): note items on: ISSMGE Foundation – (applications by 1st May 2018) TCs and conferences |
| **Bi-monthly webinars** | ISSMGE | Webinar series | appx every 2 months, usually towards the end of or beginning of the month <http://www.issmge.org/en/resources/recorded-webinars>. |
|  |  | *Geomechanics for Energy and the Environment* | Submit papers via <https://www.journals.elsevier.com/geomechanics-for-energy-and-the-environment> |
|  | Construction Industry Council | Fire Safety Digest | CIC produce a weekly digest of views on developments following the Grenfell Tower tragedy from across the industry.  contact CIC direct. |
|  | Construction Industry Council | October Newsletter | Recently published – contact CIC direct. |

1. **OVERSEAS ACTIVITIES 2018**

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|  | 20 - 22 March 2018 | Energy Geostructures Analysis and Design | **EPF Lausanne** – Intensive course including Thermal-pile software;  details at <http://www.formation-continue-unil-epfl.ch/en/formation/energy-geostructures-analysis-design/> |
|  | 29-31 March 2018 | [the First  International Conference on Advances in Rock Mechanics (TuniRock 2018)](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/VdObBFM6w0fa?domain=atmr.tn) | Association Tunisienne de Mécanique des Roches are organizing an ISRM Specialized Conference to be held in **Hammamet, Tunisia,** Details at <http://www.atmr.tn/index.php/en/tunirock2018> |
| **abstract deadline** | 31 March 2018 | 16 ARC | **Taipei:**10-14 October 2019:16thAsian Regional Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering; details at [www.16arc.org](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/0rd0Bt6kekfV?domain=16arc.org" \t "_blank). |
| **New – abstract deadline** | 15 April 2018 | XVII ECSMGE 2019 | 1-6 September 2019: **Reykjavik**, Iceland: preliminary details at [www.ecsmge-2019.com](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/KnJwBt1kMKsK?domain=ecsmge-2019.com); abstract submission via website open now |
| **New – call for papers abstract deadline** | 30 April 2018 | 40th Anniversary symposium | 29 November 2018 - **Vienna**: launch of the roller integrated Continuous Compaction Control (CCC) celebration. Abstracts invited – <http://www.igb.tuwien.ac.at/en/ccc/> |
|  | 22-26 May 2018 | EUROCK 2018 | ISRM European Rock Mechanics Symposium – **St Petersburg**, Russia :  [www.eurock2018.com](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/eZ9bBFLkX0UJ?domain=eurock2018.com) |
| **2nd Announcement** | 7-9 June 2018 | XVI Danube-European Conference on Geotechnical Engineering | **Skopje, Macedonia**:  includes the one-day seminar organized by the International Tunnelling Association. More information at [https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/0rd0BtWk5os7?domain=decge2018.mk](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/Xl2bBikXmLTx?domain=decge2018.mk). |
|  | 10-13 June 2018 | GEESD 2018 | Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering and Soil Dynamics **Austin, Texas**: full details at [www.geesd2018.org](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/1ZD0BF2QgDHk?domain=geesd2018.org) |
| **NEW DATE** | 17 – 20 June 2018 | American Rock Mechanics Association | **52nd US Rock Mechanics/Geomechanics Symposium – Seattle, Washington, USA.** [www.armasymposium.org](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/wF-_CXok2cwE9OcxedBS?domain=armasymposium.org) |
| **22nd and 23rd Newsletters  published** | 18-21 June 2018 | 16ECEE | 16th European Conference on Earthquake Engineering: **Thessaloniki,** Greece. <http://www.16ecee.org/> |
| **NEW DATE** | 20-22 June 2018 | American Rock Mechanics Association | **2nd Discrete Fracture Network Engineering (DFNE) Conference, Seattle, Washington USA.** [www.dfne2018.com](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/XUl8CYvlNsrV9ACrUpjc?domain=dfne2018.com) |
|  | 25-27 June 2018 | NUMGE | **Porto, Portugal:** European Conference on Numerical Methods in Geotechnical Engineering - [www.numge2018.pt](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/x1k9BFO0xdF2?domain=numge2018.pt) |
|  | June 2018 | ISSMGE's regional quadrennial conference | XVI Danube-European Conference on Geotechnical Engineering, **Skopje,** Macedonia |
| **New - Call for papers deadline** | 30 June 2018 | 2nd JTC1 Workshop | Triggering and Propagation of Rapid Flow-like Landslides in **Hong Kong**. Abstracts to [http://www.hkges.org/JTC1\_2nd/submission.html](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/WqHOCxv7ws117pNIv_OTU?domain=hkges.org) |
|  | 25-23 July 2018 | GeoChina 2018 International Conference | **Hangzhou, China**: details at [http://geochina2018.geoconf.org/](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/oa3qBuAWeWHD?domain=geochina2018.geoconf.org) |
|  | 21-22 June 2018 | CPT18: 4th Int’l Symposium on Cone Penetration Testing | **In Delft, the Netherlands,.**Further details at:[www.cpt18.org](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/Y0MbBH7QLdfD?domain=cpt18.org) |
| **Bulletin 4 available** | 25-28 Sept 2018 | Int’l Symposium on Energy Geotechnics | **Lausanne, Switzerland:** under auspices of ISSMGE TC 308. full details at [seg2018@epfl.ch](mailto:seg2018@epfl.ch); abstracts by 1st October 2017. |
|  | 1-3 November 2018 | Symposium on advanced offshore engineering | **Hanoi, Vietnam:** under the auspices of TC 308 (Energy Geotechnics) and TC–209 (Offshore Geotechnics);  call for papers now out. |
|  | 24-28 November 2018 | GeoMEast 2018 | **Cairo;** full details and abstract submission by 15 December 2017 at <http://www.geomeast2018.org/> |
| **New** | 29 November 2018 | 40th Anniversary symposium | **Vienna:** launch of the roller integrated Continuous Compaction Control (CCC) celebration. Abstracts invited – <http://www.igb.tuwien.ac.at/en/ccc/> |
| **New** | 3-5 December 2018 | 2nd JTC1 Workshop | Triggering and Propagation of Rapid Flow-like Landslides in Hong Kong. [http://www.hkges.org/JTC1\_2nd/index.html](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/shasCwmRviGGq5rsVUvKb?domain=hkges.org) |

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|  | 1-6 September 2019 | XVII ECSMGE 2019 | Reykjavik, Iceland: preliminary details at [www.ecsmge-2019.com](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/KnJwBt1kMKsK?domain=ecsmge-2019.com); abstract submission via website open now |
|  | 6-10 October 2019 | XVII ARCSMGE 2019 | 17thAfrican Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering: **Cape Town** International Convention Centre, South Africa; Email: [denis.kalumba@uct.ac.za](mailto:denis.kalumba@uct.ac.za) |
|  | 14-18 October 2019 | 16ARC | **Taipei:**16th Asian Regional Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering;abstracts due by 31 March 2018; details at [www.16arc.org](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/0rd0Bt6kekfV?domain=16arc.org). |

1. **linked-in**

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| **Have you joined yet?** | BGA LinkedIn Group | All BGA members pre-approved for membership of the Group | To preserve the group as a useful forum to discuss geotechnical matters and BGA business, please respect the rules: nothing political, nothing offensive, no job vacancies, no overt promotions – thank you! <http://www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=5061912> |