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## 14<sup>th</sup> Annual BGA Conference

On the 21<sup>st</sup> June the British Geotechnical Association will hold its 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference at the Institution of Civil Engineers. This is a full day conference to showcase the best of British research and practice in geotechnical engineering, with leading speakers from research and industry as well as young geotechnical engineers presenting their research, a poster display, an industry exhibition and concluding with an informal drinks reception.

This year the conference has been structured by themes rather than having separate half day sessions for research and practice although the speakers have been drawn from both backgrounds.

In the morning there will be a discussion on issues related to energy and then a talk updating recent activities by CIRIA. During the course of the morning session young members of the BGA will be represented by this year's winner of the Cooling Prize and the winner of the Prize for the best Geotechnical MSc dissertation.

Following lunch, the BGA's AGM will take place at which prizes will be presented to the recipients of various BGA prizes and awards. After the AGM there will be a talk on the role of young engineers in disaster relief & rebuilding followed by a report from the Engineering Group of the Geological Society on Engineering Geology and Geomorphology of Glaciated and Periglaciated Terrains and a discussion on the use of percussion driven earth anchoring. The second part of the afternoon session will include an update on Thames Tideway Progress, a talk on the work HS2 has been doing to update standards and a talk from a representative of the Federation of Piling Specialists who will explain the changes to the specification for piling and embedded retaining walls. The day will conclude with a drinks reception in the Exhibition Area of the Great Hall offering networking opportunities in a relaxed atmosphere.

There are opportunities for commercial organisations to sponsor the conference and limited areas to exhibit products and services. Space for the exhibition will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the BGA are invited to prepare posters on engineering or research projects for display during the conference. Shelagh Fleming will be able to provide more details and may be contacted on +44 (0) 20 7665 2007 or email: bga@britishgeotech.org.uk.

The conference is free to attend but for catering purposes you are asked to register in advance at: <u>https://www.ice.org.uk/events/british-geotechnical-association-annual-conference</u>