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 participants – 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**

* **ISSMGE Best National Society Award** – presented to BGA at 19th ISSMGE Conference in Seoul
* **Wednesday 1 November:** Geotechnical Engineering of Major Levees
* **Tuesday 14 November**: Géotechnique Lecture – Dr Jonathan Knappett on Use of vegetation in low-carbon Geotechnical Engineering
* **Wednesday 6 December**: Fleming Competition Finals
* **Friday 15 December**: Cooling Prize entry deadline
* **Other 2017 events** and beyond to put on your calendar
* ***Ground Engineering*** online access problems – see Publications below.
1. **PAST UK EVENTS 2017**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 20 Sept 2017 | BGA Evening Meeting | ICE Westminster: Securing 67 tons of mercury on the seabed – U-864 counter fill” by Per Sparrevik of NGI –recording available at https://www.ice.org.uk/eventarchive/mercury-filled-u-boat-wreck-stabilisation-london  |
|  | 3 October 2017 | BGA ECG Evening meeting | The 3rd edition of SPERWall – Consultant and contractor views: see young engineers section for recording details.  |
|  | 18 October 2017 | Joint BGA/IGS joint invitation lecture | Global Challenges, Geosynthetic Solutions and Counting Carbon by Professor Neil Dixon of Loughborough University: recording available shortly.  |

1. **FORTHCOMING UK EVENTS 2017**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 26-27 October 2017 | Ground Related Risk to Transportation Infrastructure | Geological Society Conference: see <http://www.geolsoc.org.uk/GeoRiskTransport17> for full details |
| **NEW – BOOKING LINK OPEN!** | 1 November 20171800 | Geotechnical Engineering of Major Levees | Dr Philip Smith of Royal HaskoningDHV who are kindly sponsoring the bar after the lecture. Book online at <https://www.ice.org.uk/events/dikes-levees-and-flood-embankments-london> |
| **New!** | 8 November 2017 | Engineering Group of the Geological Society’s18th Glossop Medal Lecture | At the Royal Institution, London: Dr Jackie Skipper on “Variability and ground hazards: how does the ground get to be 'unexpected'?’”. Full details and registration for post lecture reception/dinner at [https://www.geolsoc.org.uk/EG-Glossop-Lecture](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/m9oVBtM9EptD?domain=geolsoc.org.uk)  |
| **booking now open!** | **TUESDAY** 14 November 2017 1830  | Géotechnique Lecture | Dr Jonathan Knappett on “Use of vegetation in low-carbon Geotechnical Engineering”. Book now at [www.ice.org.uk/geotech2017](http://www.ice.org.uk/geotech2017). Platipus Anchors Ltd are kindly sponsoring the bar after the Lecture. |
|  | 10-12 December 2017 | SeismiCON 2017 | London: 1st Int’l Conf on Design of Structures and Foundations. Details at [www.asranet.co.uk](http://www.asranet.co.uk) |
| **Shortlisted teams to be announced shortly**  | 6 December 20171830 | Fleming Award  | Competition Finals with Keynote Lecture by Yvonne Ainsworth on “Managing Complexity and Embracing New Challenges in a Multifaceted Geotechnical Environment” |
|  | 7 December 2017 | NEC Tunnelling Awards | Shortlist announced. Winners announced at event at Grosvenor House, London: contact adam.hassan@emap.com to book tables |

1. **FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2018**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **New** | 24 January 2018 | **John Mitchell Lecture** | Len Threadgold of Geotechinics Ltd speaking on “Re-thinking Investigation”. Details available shortly. |
| **New** | 21 February 2018 | **Joint BGA Lecture with EGGS** | At ICE Westminster – further details to follow |
| **New Keynote speaker announced** | 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; Clive Edmonds announced as a keynote speaker – further details at [http://www.chalk2018.org](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/WZ6JBFVLL8U1?domain=chalk2018.org); 5th Newsletter now available. |

1. **YOUNG ENGINEERS**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 3 October 2017 | BGA ECG Evening meeting | The 3rd edition of SPERWall – Consultant and contractor views. Recording available at [The 3rd edition of SPERWall – Consultant and Contractor views](https://www.ice.org.uk/eventarchive/the-third-edition-of-sperwall-london). Presenters’ slides uploaded on to BGA website at [http://britishgeotech.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/12/BGA-Young-Members-SPERWALL-2017.pdf](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/n1A3BFw86oc7?domain=britishgeotech.org). |
| **Don’t forget! Competition entry deadline** | 15 December 2017 | 49th Cooling Prize Competition | Engineers under 33 years of age on 31st December 2018 belonging to either BGA or ICE are invited to submit papers of less than 2000 words (excluding titles, captions and references), with a brief CV and a completed application form available to download from BGA Website. |

1. **GROUND FORUM**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 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. The list of Master Courses available in the UK have been uploaded to the website under the Training and Careers tab. any articles, reports or information of benefit to other Ground Forum members.  |
|  |   | 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)**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **application dates for 2017** | **Notification dates** |   |
|  | 25 July 2017 | 3 October 2017 | 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). Those becoming Chartered within the last 12 months can apply with a simplified application process at a reduced cost of £30. |
|  | 24 October 2017 | 10 January 2018 | Visit [ice.org.uk/rogep](http://www.ice.org.uk/rogep) for further details or contact registers@ice.org.uk |

1. **PUBLICATIONS**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Online Access problems** |  | ***Ground Engineering*** | Please contact the GE Editor, Claire Smith, direct at Claire.Smith@emap.com if you are experiencing difficulty logging on to the GE Members’ Area; she will ask the corporate subscriptions department to resolve it for you. |
| **Call for papers** | 31st October 2017 | ICE *Geotechnical Research* | Themed issue: *In situ tests in geotechnical engineering*, championed by Myint Win Bo (Bo & Associates Inc., Canada) – see <http://www.icevirtuallibrary.com/toc/jgere/current> |
|  | ICE | ICE Informs | September: political party conferences, regional infrastructure, Project 13.Contact  joanna.gonet@ice.org.uk for further information. |
| **Extended to 2017** | 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 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/vol-11-issue-4-august-20170](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/8l30BibeART1?domain=issmge.org): note items on:* 19th ISSMGE Conference in Seoul – proceedings freely available online at [https://www.issmge.org/publications/online-library](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/deKbBCmlxwt0?domain=issmge.org)
* ISSMGE Foundation – applications by 1st November
* Call for nominations – 2nd Hutchinson Lecturer - JTC1 on Landslides and Natural Slopes
* webinars
* TCs
* conferences
 |
|  | ISSMGE | TC 211 Ground Improvement | 13th Newsletter available on BGA website  |
| **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>. |
|  | ICE Publishing Awards 2017 |  | List available here: <http://www.icevirtuallibrary.com/page/awards2017> |
|  |  | *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 | September Newsletter | Recently published – contact CIC direct. |
|  |  | *Innovative Infrastructure Solutions Journal* | Available free online : <http://www.innovative-infrastructure-solutions.com/> |

1. **OVERSEAS ACTIVITIES 2017**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **New!** | ISSMGE President | 2017-2021 | Charles Ng of Hong Kong was elected at the Council meeting in Seoul. |
| **New!** | Outgoing European ISSMGE Vice President |  | Letter of thanks for support from Prof Antonio Gens on BGA website |
| **Abstract deadline** | 15 September 2017 | TuniRock 2018 (the First  International Conference on Advances in Rock Mechanics (TuniRock 2018) | 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 extended** | 30 October 2017 | Int’l Symposium on Energy Geotechnics | **Lausanne, Switzerland:** under auspices of ISSMGE TC 308. full details at seg2018@epfl.ch; . |
|  | 12-15 November 2017 | 2nd Pan Am Conf | **Dallas:** PanAm-UNSAT 2017: The Second Pan American Conference on Unsaturated Soils, |
| **abstract deadline** | 15 December 2017 | GeoMEast 2018 | **Cairo** - 24-28 November 2018; full details and abstract submission by 15 December 2017 at <http://www.geomeast2018.org/> |

1. **OVERSEAS ACTIVITIES 2018**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **New** | 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> |
| **New – abstract deadline** | 31 March 2018 | 16 ARC | **Taipei:** 10-14 October 2019: 16th Asian Regional Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering; ; details at [www.16arc.org](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/0rd0Bt6kekfV?domain=16arc.org). |
|  | 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) |
|  | 10-13 June 2018 | Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering and Soil Dynamics 2018 (GEESD) | **Austin, Texas**: full details at [www.geesd2018.org](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/1ZD0BF2QgDHk?domain=geesd2018.org)  |
| **15th Newsletter published** | 18-21 June 2018 | 16ECEE | 16th European Conference on Earthquake Engineering: **Thessaloniki,** Greece. <http://www.16ecee.org/> |
|  | 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,** R. Macedonia |
|  | 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 can be found at:[www.cpt18.org](https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/Y0MbBH7QLdfD?domain=cpt18.org) |
|  | 26-28 Sept 2018 | Int’l Symposium on Energy Geotechnics | **Lausanne, Switzerland:** under auspices of ISSMGE TC 308. full details at seg2018@epfl.ch; abstracts by 1st October 2017. |
| **New!** | 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/> |

1. **OVERSEAS ACTIVITIES 2019**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | 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) |
| **New** | 6-10 October 2019 | XVII ARCSMGE 2019 | 17th African Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering: **Cape Town** International Convention Centre, South Africa; Email: denis.kalumba@uct.ac.za  |
| **New** | 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**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **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>  |