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## ISSMGE Heritage Time Capsule

### What you can do for geo-engineering education in Australia and New Zealand

The Australian and New Zealand (ANZ) project team members of the ISSMGE Heritage Time Capsule Project (HTC) invite you to join us at the Australia and New Zealand Conference on Geomechanics 2023 (ANZ2023) that is going to be held on 2-5 July 2023 in Cairns, Australia. This is the regional conference of the ISSMGE for the Australasian region, and provides a great opportunity for the experts in our profession to share ideas and talk about current concerns.

The HTC session is being organised by Dr Golnaz Alipour, Dr Hugo Acosta, Mr. Sukumar Pathmanandavel & Prof. David Airey (Australia) and Prof. Rolando Orense & A/Prof Liam Wotherspoon (New Zealand).

Our discussions at the ANZ2023 will be to provide individual members of the ISSMGE from the ANZ and others an opportunity to review and reflect on the contributions by Australia and New Zealand to the HTC project (<https://www.issmge.org/the-society/time-capsule/part-a>). Our discussion platform at the ANZ2023 will be geo-education in our profession and the teaching and training provided by universities and industry, one of the main topics highlighted by the ANZ2023 local organising committee (<https://anzgeo2023.com.au/>).

The HTC session at the ANZ2023 conference will explore the role of academics in the Australasian contributions to the HTC project, and on education of the next generation of geotechnical engineers along with the current state of geotechnical engineering programs in ANZ universities. The session will consist of a combination of short talks delivered by speakers who will outline the current concerns and barriers, panel discussions by senior and young members, and live feedback from the audience.

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The collective recommendations from the HTC session will be then further developed in the current ISSMGE Presidential term (2022-2026), with a view of arriving with an Australasian vision, mission and some strategic goals with achievable actions against each of the goals.

We thank the local organising committee, in particular Dr Richard Kelly, Dr David Lacey and Professor Robert May, for their kind offer to accommodate the HTC session at the ANZ2023 conference. We are very grateful for the strong interest and sponsorship from the leaders of the two geotechnical professional member societies in both countries, Dr David Lacey (Australia) and Ms Eleni Gkeli (NZ), and the support of the Regional Vice President for Australasia, Mr Graham Scholey.

If you would like to contribute your ideas and/or be part of the discussion at the ANZ2023, please contact Dr Golnaz Alipour, [golnaz.alipour@mq.edu.au](mailto:golnaz.alipour@mq.edu.au). We look forward to seeing you at the ANZ2023 conference!

