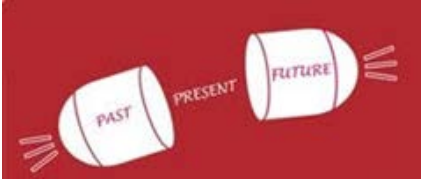


From the Board

ISSMGE HERITAGE TIME CAPSULE (HTC) PROJECT

Selection of items for display and storage in the physical time capsule

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A key philosophy of the time capsule project is that in selecting items to be preserved for history, there should be active engagement of the ISSMGE Member Societies, Technical Committees, Corporate Associates, ISSMGE past presidents, vice presidents and key persons. Additionally, there should be an opportunity for the individual members of the ISSMGE to have their say, and to this end the Discoverer report initiative was created.

We are pleased to note that continuously over the past five years, there has been a significant number of discussions, online sessions, meetings, presentations, papers and communications on the time capsule project. The photo below shows Dr Marc Ballouz, President of the ISSMGE, presenting the ISSMGE HTC project to the audience at the Texas Chapter of the Geo-Institute for their 2025 Annual Conference in April 2025 at San Antonio, Texas.





For this landmark project of the ISSMGE, the selection of items for display and storage in the physical time capsule will be made by an HTC subcommittee from the following four sources:

- Online contributions made to the virtual time capsule - To date, contributions have been received from 58 Member Societies, 17 Technical Committees, 6 Corporate Associates, 16 past presidents, 3 vice presidents, 7 key persons, and 2 Board Level Committees. These contributions, as well as details on how to provide a submission, for either an update to current contribution or a new contribution, can be viewed on <https://htc.issmge.org/contributions>.
- Material presented on the Discovery page of the dedicated HTC website – these include, Discoverer reports, HTC project lectures, HTC regional sessions including HTC champions podcasts, and background material, see <https://htc.issmge.org/discovery>. Individual members of the ISSMGE are encouraged to participate in the HTC Discoverer Report Competition, 2025, with a prize pool of £3,000, see <https://www.issmge.org/news/htc-discoverer-report-competition-2025> for further details.
- Physical items proposed for inclusion in the time capsule - To date we have received about 30 proposals, primarily by and on behalf of past presidents, key persons, and from a small number of member Societies. We urge ISSMGE Member Societies, Technical Committees and Corporate Associates to respond to the invitation to propose published documents and physical objects, details can be found on <https://htc.issmge.org/physical-time-capsule>.
- Material that arises as a result of Future Focus sessions – the first of these sessions will be held in September 2025 as a webinar for Africa and Europe, see <https://htc.issmge.org/100-years-on>.

As the physical time capsule is planned to be sealed for 100 years at the forthcoming international conference in Vienna, Austria (21st ICSMGE, June 2026), we will be closing consideration of entries for the physical time capsule from the above four sources by January 2026.

Please address questions you have via the contact page on the dedicated HTC website, <https://htc.issmge.org/contact>.