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ISSMGE HERITAGE TIME CAPSULE | HTC WEBSITE LAUNCH AND GEOSHANGHAI SESSION



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HTC Website Launch at GeoShanghai 2024

Professor Keh-Jian (Albert) Shou, Vice President Asia of the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE) officially launched the Heritage Time Capsule (HTC) project website at the GeoShanghai 2024 conference in Shanghai, China, on behalf of ISSMGE President Dr. Marc Ballouz and the ISSMGE Board. The website, accessible at <https://htc.issmge.org/>, features contributions from Member Societies, Past Presidents, Technical Committees, Corporate Associates, and others. The site boasts an engaging design and an impressive number of contributions.

The HTC team encourages you to explore the new website. Contributions from Member Societies, Technical Committees, and Corporate Associates are still welcome. The contact tab on the HTC website can be used to reach the HTC Design Team for any questions or thoughts regarding the HTC and the preparation of contributions.

HTC GeoShanghai Session – Collaboration Among Member Societies

The HTC project focuses on themes relevant to each ISSMGE region. For Asia, the theme "Collaboration among Member Societies" was selected by Vice President Asia, Keh-Jian (Albert) Shou, to enhance interaction and promote successful regional collaboration. Associate Professor Mingliang (Carter) Zhou from Tongji University, Shanghai, China, and HTC Asia lead, served as the Master of Ceremonies and moderated the panel discussion on collaboration between Member Societies.

Representatives from the ISSMGE Australasia region, including Hugo Acosta-Martinez (Australia), Eleni Gkeli, and Liam Wotherspoon (New Zealand), guided attendees through the HTC website and shared successful collaboration examples between Australian and New Zealand member societies. Ashe Cooper, Bridget Lokoe, and Judy Eid from the ISSMGE Young Members Presidential Group (YMPG) presented on the discovery phase of the HTC project. Ashe Cooper highlighted opportunities for learning, collaborating, and sharing, while the YMPG outlined their strategy for compiling discovery reports through their liaison network to activate and encourage young members' participation.

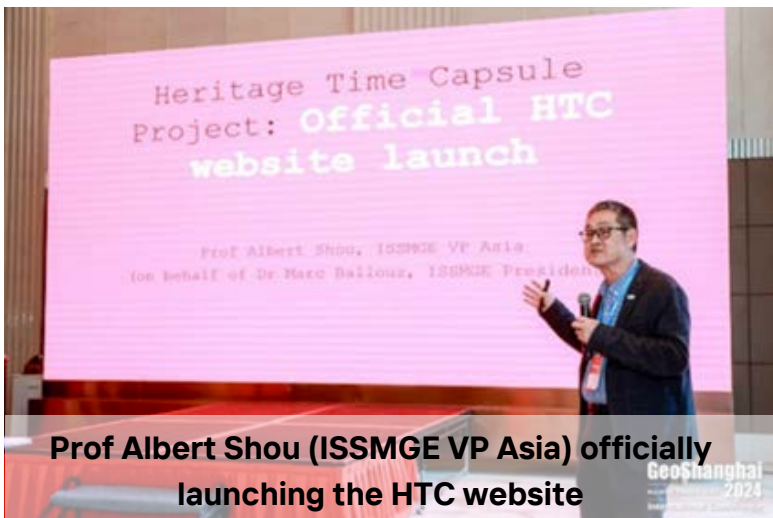
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Eleni Gkeli and Liam Wotherspoon discussed the education of the next generation of geotechnical and engineering geology professionals in Australasia, covering topics such as current education and training practices, industry resource planning, graduate experiences, and potential improvements in academia-industry collaboration.

The session also addressed factors contributing to the success of ISSMGE member societies in the Australasia region, including diversity and inclusion, industry-targeted activities, strong support for young professionals, collaboration with similar societies, preparation of technical guidance documents, and robust training programs.

The session concluded with an open discussion on fostering increased collaboration and the creation of new member societies in the Asia region. The Australasia examples were well-received, and Asia region representatives expressed a desire to establish similar collaborations. Several ISSMGE Board members supported the HTC website launch and participated in the discussion.



Prof Albert Shou (ISSMGE VP Asia) officially launching the HTC website



Dr Hugo Acosta-Martinez (Australian Geomechanics Society and BG&E Resources)



A/Prof Carter Zhou (Tonji University) moderating the session.

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The HTC Asia team invites additional representatives from Member Societies in the Asia region to join. Interested parties should contact A/Prof Carter Zhou (HTC Asia Lead) at zhoum@tongji.edu.cn.

The HTC team thanks the local organising committee for hosting the HTC session at the GeoShanghai 2024 international conference, the Chinese Institution of Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (CISMGE - CCES), the Australian Geomechanics Society (AGS) and the New Zealand Geotechnical Society (NZGS) who sponsored the HTC session. Support from employers of the presenters is also acknowledged.



Eleni Gkeli (New Zealand Geotechnical Society (NZGS) and Stantec)



Prof. Marawan M. Shahien, ISSMGE VP Africa



A/Prof Liam Wotherspoon (NZGS and The University of Auckland)



Judy Eid (YMPG and Tony Gee and Partners)



Bridget Lokoe (YMPG and WSP)



Members of ISSMGE Board attended and supported the HTC session



Ashe Cooper (YMPG and Beca)