



## **Minutes of GEOSNet board meeting, 28 May 2016, Shanghai**

Date: 28 May 2016

Time: 9:00-10:00 pm

Venue: Meeting Room no 1, Kingswell Hotel, Shanghai

Present: P Cools (Chair), LM Zhang (co-Chair), V Griffiths (co-Chair), S Nishimura, J Ching, D Li

Absent: D Straub, R Gilbert, I Papaioannou (Secretariat)

### **1. Opening and welcome**

Paul Cools convened the meeting at 9:00 pm.

### **2. ISGSR 2019**

Jianye Ching presents his proposal. The venue of the 7<sup>th</sup> ISGSR 2019 is proposed to be at the National Taiwan University of Science and Technology (NTUST) from 17-20 October 2019.

New elements in this conference will be a strong participation of TC205 of ISSMGE, together with TC304 and the introduction of rock mechanics as a new theme, in co-operation with the International Society of Rock Mechanics (ISRM).

Jianye expects 240 participants (of which 50 students). The co-chairs of the conference will be Dianqing Li together with Yu Wang.

Next, the proposal is discussed by the Board members.

Jianye has checked possible interactions with other conferences in that period and he does not expect any interferences. The closest conference is ICASP13 in Korea, but this will be held in June 2019.

It is suggested to have the conference at NTU instead of NTUST. NTU is bigger (30.000 students) and may offer more promotion for the university of Jianye.

It is suggested to reduce the papers from 8 to 6 pages, to save everybody time and resources.

All Board members (including Daniel Straub by e-mail), support the proposal of Jianye.

Given this wide support, Paul decides that the 7<sup>th</sup> ISGSR2019 will be organized by Jianye Ching and held in Taiwan.

All present members congratulate Jianye with his excellent proposal. Jianye expresses his gratitude to the Board for its support.

### **3. Next ISGSR**

Vaughan Griffiths clarifies the progress on the 6<sup>th</sup> ISGSR 2017 conference in Denver, which is scheduled from 4-6 June 2017.

So far 185 abstracts have been received.

All presenters are confirmed for the Suzanne Lacasse and Wilson Tang Lecture, as well as all other keynote lectures.

The Board members wish Vaughan lots of success with his further preparations.

### **4. GEOSNet awards**

ISGSR2017 will be the second conference for the granting of the GEOSNet awards. Three categories of awards will be presented:

- The GEOSNet Distinguished award
- The GEOSNet award
- The GEOSNet Young Researcher award

The GEOSNet Distinguished award is a lifetime achievement award and recognizes individuals who contributed substantially to the community. The GEOSNet award is to be presented to two individuals that have made impactful contributions to geotechnical risk and reliability, respectively. The GEOSNet Young Researcher award will be given to maximum three individuals bellow 40 years old.

In the future the GEOSNet Distinguished award may be named after a celebrity within the geo engineering world. However, the present Board will not make a decision on this matter.

For ISGSR2015 in Rotterdam only the names of candidates were gathered without motivation, because of time restraints. For ISGSR2017 the formal selection procedure will be followed, including a motivation. The period to react will be elongated from 1 to 3 months, to give everybody sufficient time.

The selection procedure is as follows. GEOSNet members are invited to submit nomination packages including a nomination letter and detailed description of the contributions made (e.g. CV and representative publications). The executive board

members are asked to rank the nominees for each category of award. Final selection is made by the Chair, co-Chair and past Chair of the executive board.

Paul will request Iason to start the award selection procedure in autumn of this year.

**5. Other Business and closure**

No additional other business. The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 pm.