

The Geosynthetics Interest Group (ABN 27 845 329 614), trading/known as Australasian Chapter of the International Geosynthetics Society (ACIGS)

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 27th November 2025 4:00pm AEST time at WSP office in Brisbane & via Zoom



Opening

Administration

- > We thank WSP for the physical location
- > Attendees are asked to hold questions for a brief Q&A at the end of each agenda item
- > Zoom access is via meeting format, please raise any questions in the Q&A section





Opening

Agenda

- > President's report
- > Treasurer's report
- > Taskforce reports
 - > Events Taskforce report
 - > GeoAsia 8 report
 - > Young Members Taskforce report
 - > Communication Taskforce report
 - > Membership Taskforce report
 - > Technical Taskforce report
- > Voting topics
- > Any other business
- > Conclusion

- Ryan
- Siamak
- Roger
- Alicja
- Graham
- Jonathan







Graham Fairhead





Society Objectives

- > IGS is a learned society dedicated to the scientific and engineering development of geotextiles, geomembranes, related products, and associated technologies.
- > A global community of >45 chapters, >4,000 members, including corporate, individual and student members, with a shared passion for what geosynthetics can achieve.
- > We provide greater understanding of geosynthetic technology and promote its appropriate use throughout the world. Geosynthetics can make a fundamental contribution to meeting societal challenges through sustainable technological and engineering solutions.
- > Acigs particularly deliver these objectives through
 - > Conferences
 - > Webinars
 - > Bulletins
 - > Encouraging membership and participation



The ACigs society is mature and effectively managed

- Energetic and collaborative executive committee team nearing the end of year one of the two-year elected term
- In addition to offers, Roger has energised the Young Member portfolio since his election, Jonathan has continued to provide a technical leadership role
- High technical standards
- · Responsible financial management and sound financials
- Appropriate insurances
- · Instigated a formal financial audit
- · Have the capability to deliver international conferences



Graham Fairhead **President**



Ryan Hackney Vice President



Liza Du Preez Treasurer



Alicja Borysewicz -Slabik Secretary



Siamak Paulson
Past President



Taskforces - Established Protocol

- > Bylaws allow for taskforces to support the Executive Committee
- > An Executive Committee member will lead each taskforce
- > ACigs members are invited to participate in the taskforces
- > Delegates from the taskforce may be invited to Executive Committee meetings
- > The scope, activities & targets for each taskforce can be established
- > Roger Britto has been elected by member ballot as Young Member Chair replacing Catherine Haynes

Young Members	Events	Membership	Technical	Communications
Action Young Member items Communicate & energise Increase student members	In-person events Seminars, EtE, workshops etc across NZ, Australia, PNG & Pacific Webinars Forums	Individual, Student, Company, Honorary NZ, Australia, PNG & Pacific	Review technical content for independence, accuracy & relevancy for webinars, events, case studies etc Review Young Member projects	Coordinate communications with members, IGS & others

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Secretariat

- > Responsible for specific administration tasks
- > Rhiannon Lisle

Communications

Monday Bulletin - Weekly email
Company case studies
Event registration & CPD
GNA interaction
Young Member communications
Annual photo competition

Digital

Website LinkedIn

Membership

New membership packs Company case studies Maintain membership database



Activities

- > The highlight has been GeoAsia 8
 - > Significant milestone for the chapter
 - > Outstanding support, contribution, and commitment from the organising committee
 - > Excellent support from the wider Asian and global geosynthetics community
 - > Acknowledge the dedication of the conference cochairs
 - > Siamak
 - > Amir

- > Maintained a high technical standard and pipeline of Webinars
- > Allowed calendar space to avoid event fatigue
- > Hosted George Koerner in Australia, his first visit to Australia
- > Several ACigs officers and members attended/presented papers at GeoEuro 8
- > Members have supported the development of the IGS handbook, ACigs are launching with a dedicated webinar



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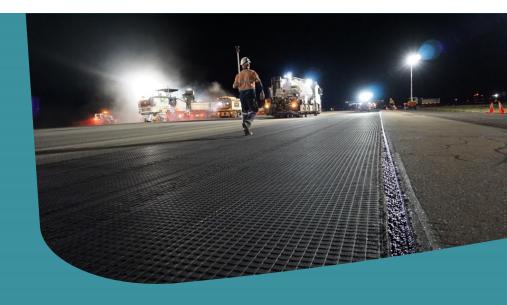




Treasurer's Report

Liza du Preez

ACigs Financial Report
31st October 2024 to 1st November 2025





Treasurer's Report

Income and Expenditure Summary 2025

- > 2025 we undertook two main events
 - > GeoAsia8
 - > Arinex (Event Organiser) -\$ 6,408.47
 - > IGS Sponsorship Payment (will be reflected in 2026 financial year)
 - > Payment 1 \$8,000 USD by 30 November 2025
 - > Payment 2 \$10,000 USD by 30 April 2026
 - > Payment 3 \$7,000 USD by 30 November 2026
 - > Photo competition
- > Entertainment cost for 2025 AGM dinner
- > IT includes Zoom, MS Teams, email/web domain annual costs
- > Website ongoing maintenance costs
- > Financial Audit
- At 31st October 2025, ACIGS had \$75,519.85 in bank (from \$63,902.26 at 1st November 2024)

	1 Nov 2024 to
	31 Oct 2025
Membership	\$39,793.60
Webinar Sponsorshop	\$3,500.00
Event Income	\$7,184.00
Total Income	\$50,477.60
Bank fees	\$130.00
IGS Fees	\$12,598.16
Consumer Affairs	\$47.70
Email communications	\$1,909.27
Event expenses	\$15,628.47
Insurance	\$1,847.15
GNA report	\$0.00
Job Shadowing	\$0.00
Photo competition	\$1,742.57
Secretariat	\$1,980.00
Student project	\$0.00
Travel & entertainment	\$2,253.76
Website	\$5,706.66
IT	\$1,549.78
Fraud	\$0.00
Total Expenses	\$45,393.52
Profit/Loss	\$5,084.08



Treasurer's Report

Income and Expenditure Summary YOY -

Membership
Webinar Sponsorshop
Event Income
Total Income

1 Nov 2021 to	1 Nov 2022 to	1 Nov 2023 to	1 Nov 2024 to
31 Oct 2022	31 Oct 2023	31 Oct 2024	31 Oct 2025
\$33,978.40	\$21,368.8	\$42,915.28	\$39,793.60
\$985.00	\$500.0	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
\$0.00	\$63,524.0	\$46,505.28	\$7,184.00
\$34,963.40	\$85,392.8	\$89,420.56	\$50,477.60

Bank fees	
IGS Fees	
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Total Expenses	
Profit/Loss	

\$185.39	\$158.87	\$130.00	\$130.00
		\$8,356.63	\$12,598.16
\$60.10	\$61.20	\$47.70	\$47.70
\$1,416.00	\$1,884.84	\$1,895.84	\$1,909.27
-\$4,707.90	\$70,742.33	\$57,155.57	\$15,628.47
\$1,369.05	\$0.00	\$1,675.79	\$1,847.15
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$1,502.46	\$1,210.02	\$0.00	\$1,742.57
\$10,157.23	\$4,022.34	\$2,244.00	\$1,980.00
\$9,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$1,616.75	\$1,707.06	\$1,215.52	\$2,253.76
\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,160.00	\$5,706.66
\$4,167.27	\$10,324.00	\$1,952.01	\$1,549.78
\$0.00	\$152.25	\$0.00	\$0.00
\$24,766.35	\$96,262.91	\$80,833.06	\$45,393.52
\$10,197.05	-\$10,870.03	\$8,587.50	\$5,084.08



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Events Taskforce

Ryan Hackney





Events and Activities

- > The following 2025 events were undertaken
 - > 5 webinars
 - > Hybrid GRI GM42 update Workshop with George Koerner, April in Brisbane
 - > GeoASIA8, June in Brisbane
 - > Photo Competition
- > Upcoming Events



Webinars Summary 2025

- > Webinar #41 GeoANZ#2 Awarded Young Members Presentations
 - > Presentation #1 Innovative enhanced drainage geotextile applied in transport infrastructure, landfill and recreational areas (Tony Yong Kwan Shen)
 - > Presentation #2 Value of construction quality assurance geomembrane liner systems. A summary of observations associated with dewatering recently constructed liquor pond (Mackenzie Logan)
- > Webinar #42 Infrastructure lasting longer, using less gravel and emitting less carbon (Eric Blond)
- > Webinar #43 Geosynthetic solutions for soft subgrade stability under cyclic loading in railway applications (Prof Cholachat Rujikiakamjorn)
- > Webinar #44 Practical use of geosynthetics in tunneling from a tunnellers perspective (Prof Chungsik Yoo)
- > Webinar #45 Best young professional presentations from GeoASIA8 2025
 - > Presentation #1 Investigations on cracking characteristics of geosynthetic reinforced asphalt using DIC (Ashray Saxena)
 - > Presentation #2 Performance of sludge filled geotextile tubes to overcome muddy coastal abrasion (Nastiti Tiasundari)
 - > Presentation #3 Geocells in stabilization of hillslopes against seismic loading reinforcements and fascia (Sureka Sekar)

All Webinars available here > https://www.acigs.org/resources/webinar-library



Webinars Summary 2025



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Hybrid Event GRI GM42 update with George Koerner - Brisbane

- > In person, and online free to attend event 3rd April 2025, addressing:
 - > Growing challenges in geomembrane performance, driven by chemical exposure, environmental loads, and evolving industry requirements
 - > Emphasis on improved material chemistry, modelling accuracy, and quality control to ensure long-term durability
 - > "Hybrid" liner systems highlighted as a way to strengthen containment performance and reduce failure risk
 - > Need for better standards, testing, and real-world validation to bridge the gap between design assumptions and field behavior.
- > Thank you to workshop sponsors Atarfil and Merit Lining Systems
- > Available online https://www.acigs.org/resources/video-library/hybrid-workshop-dr-george-koerner





GeoAsia8



Conference report to be presented by conference chairman - Siamak Paulson



Photo competition 2025

1st place - Mukula Hettihewage (Axter)



3rd place - Ellen Pai (ACE Geosynthetics)



2nd place - Berjees Anisa Ikra





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Upcoming Events.....

- > ACIGS is planning -
 - > Educate the Educators 24th 26th November 2026
 - · Chair: Roger Britto/ Co-Chair: Graham Fairhead
 - · Tutors: Dr. Timothy Stark, Dr. Malek Bouazza
 - · Sponsors needed!
 - · Venue: expression of interests
 - > Workshop/Roadshow Design vs Install in 2026
 - 3 Australian & 1 New Zealand cities
 - · Chair: Ryan Hackney
 - ~August 2026
 - > GeoANZ#3 Perth Mid 2027
 - Chair: Liza du Preez / Co-Chair: Alicja Borysewicz-Slabik
 - > Webinars:
 - Warren Horney: 4th of December Geosynthetic Interface Friction Avoiding Failures
 - Sam Allen & Fady Badran Abdelaal: February 2026: IGS Handbook overview
 - Jorge Zornberg: Febuary 2026: Sustainability Benefits of Adopting Geosynthetics in Roadway Design
 - Dr Chew: March 2026 Coastal Protection Advancement in Singapore
 - > Job Shadowing/Summer work experience
 - Apply Link: https://form.jotform.com/253157238188868







Geosynthetic Interface Friction – Avoiding Failures

Presented by: Warren Hornsey

Date: Thursday, 4th of December

Time: 12:00pm AEST



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GeoAsia 8 Report

Siamak Paulson





GeoAsia8 Committees

Organising Committee



Technical Committee





Program and Advisory Committee



Promotion and Industry Relations Committee



Conference Keynote Speakers













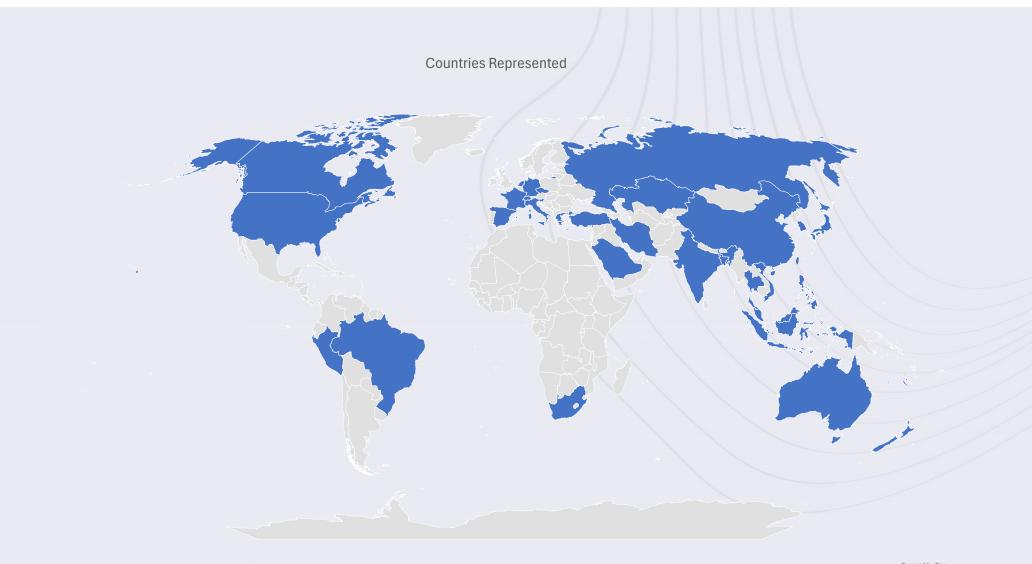


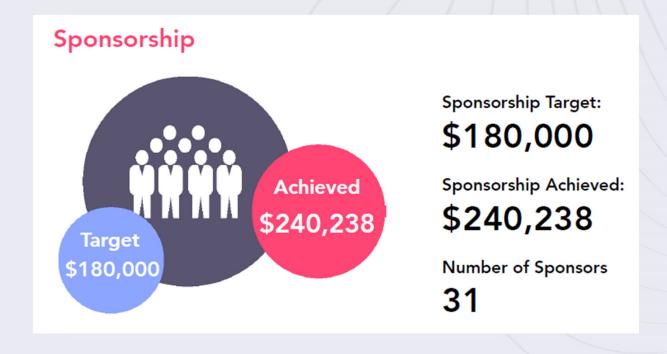












Exhibition



Exhibition Target:

\$169,000

Exhibition Achieved:

\$153,245

Number of Exhibitors

47

Exhibition Booths Sold:

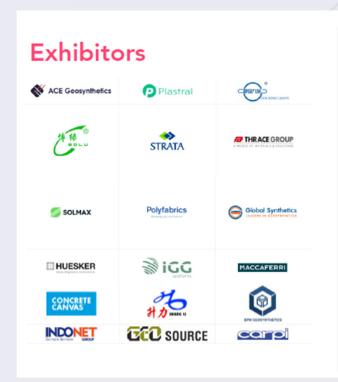
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Total Exhibition Space Sold:

486 sqm











Program Summary



253



294
Abstracts
Submitted



210 Oral



Poster



51 Total Sessions



Keynote Sessions



2 Un-conference sessions



3 Speed consulting sessions



3 Technical Workshops



2 Social Programs



Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Session

App

In total, the app was downloaded and used by 215 delegates, representing 48% of total registrations.

80 connections made through the Lead Capture and 'Add to Contacts' features

205 Lead Captures

597 'Add to Contacts' scans

Post conference delegates survey results

The average overall experience rating was 7.62 out of 10, indicating a generally positive experience among respondents.

GeoAsia8 highlights

- > Keynotes
- > Panel discussions
- > Exhibition
- > Speed Consulting
- > Gala Dinner/ Awards





Young Members Report

Roger Britto





ACIGS Young Members team

Team Lead



Roger Britto WSP

Naveen Meena



Beca



Nandhagopal Selvaraj FABTECH

Team members



Alexander Haas Merit Lining Systems



Wang Runzhe JK Group

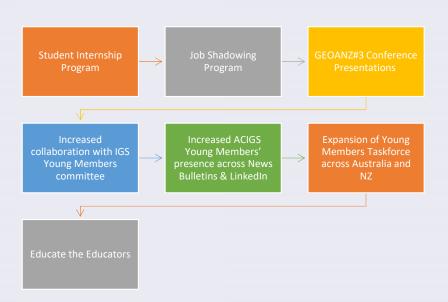


Anandha Kumar University of Tech Sydney



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Young Members Structure







Young Members



YouTube & Video Content



Opportunities for Students & Young Professionals



Diversity and Inclusion



Professional Development



Networking and Recognition



Conferences



Australasia

ACIGS Webinar Series: Webinar #

Best Young Professional Presentations from GeoAsia8 2025



Ashray Saxena (PhD Candidate, The University of Texas at Austin)
Topic: Investigations on cracking characteristics
of geosynthetic-reinforced asphalt using DIC



Nastiti Tiasundari (R&D Manager, Geoforce Indonesia)

Topic: Performance of sludge-filled geotextile
tubes to overcome muddy coastal abrasion



Sureka Sekar (Research Scholar, IIT Guwahati)
Topic: Geocells in stabilisation of hillslopes against

seismic loading — reinforcement and fascia

Date: Thursday, 6th Nov 2025

Time: 12:00pm AEST



The Home of Geosynthetic





ACIGS Young Members Current Opportunities



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The ACIGS Job Shadowing Program connects IGS Young Members with geosynthetics companies. Students gain workplace insight by shadowing professionals:

- One-day in-person shadowing of an engineer
- OR a two-hour virtual student
- · Postgraduate researchers

BENEFITS FOR STUDENTS

- Real-world industry exposure
- Networking opportunities with professionals
- Gain references for CV and future employment

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- Boost technical knowledge and confidence

BENEFITS FOR CORPORATES

- · Engage with new talent and ideas
- Give back to the geosynthetics community
- Strengthen your visibility and engagement with ACIGS

HOW TO APPLY

 Students: Apply online via www.acigs.org/job-shadowing-program or respond to ACIGS 'Expressions of Interest' request



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

- 10-12 week industry placement
- · Gain valuable geosynthetics experience
- Students must be completing a relevant degree

HOW TO APPLY

Host companies Express interest Email info@acigs.org

Students Apply online www.acigs.org



FEATURED SPEAKERS:
Dr. Timothy Stark & Dr. Malek Bouazza



Communications Taskforce

Alicja Borysewicz-Slabik



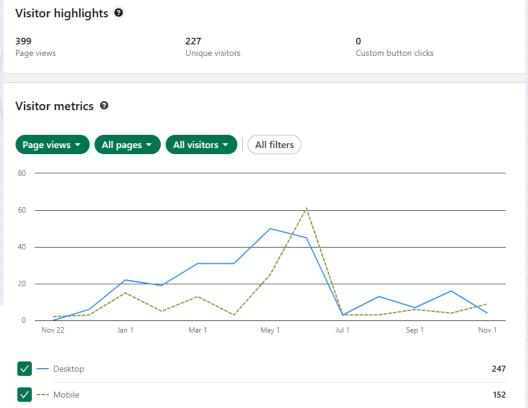


Communications

LinkedIn:

- > 55 posts: 35 GeoAsia related / 20 other ACIGS
- > 165 new followers gained
- > 578 less LinkedIn page visitors







Communications

> Weekly Bulletin

2024 2025

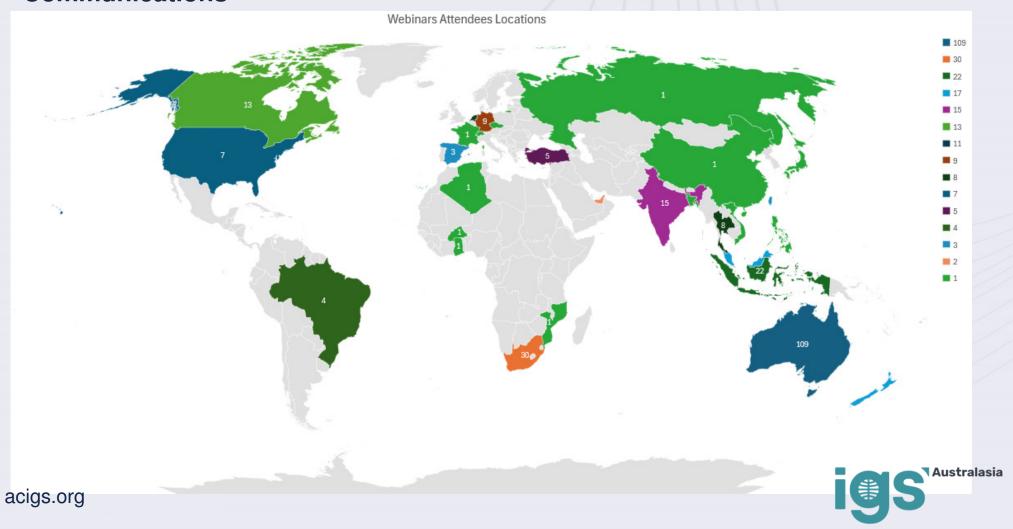
Campaign performance Total unique recipients (i) 1,079 17 Nov 2023 — 6 Nov 2024 Summary Comparing to prior 356 days Campaigns sent Emails sent Delivery rate 59 80,758 95.1% + 0.1% Open rate Click rate Unsubscribe rate Bounce rate 4.9% - 0.1% 30.4% + 7.2% 7.4% + 3.9% 0.2% + 0.1% 23,338 opened 5,713 clicks 145 Unsubscribed 3,936 bounced

Campaign performance 1,449 active subscribers 8 Nov 2024 -- 24 Nov 2025 Summary Comparing to prior 382 days Campaigns sent Emails sent Delivery rate 96.5% + 1.7% 70,131 Click rate Unsubscribe rate Open rate Bounce rate 36% + 6.3% 4.1% - 2.8% 0.1% - 0.1% 3.5% - 1.7% 24,395 opened 2,757 clicks 41 Unsubscribed 2,423 bounced

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Communications



Membership Taskforce

Graham Fairhead



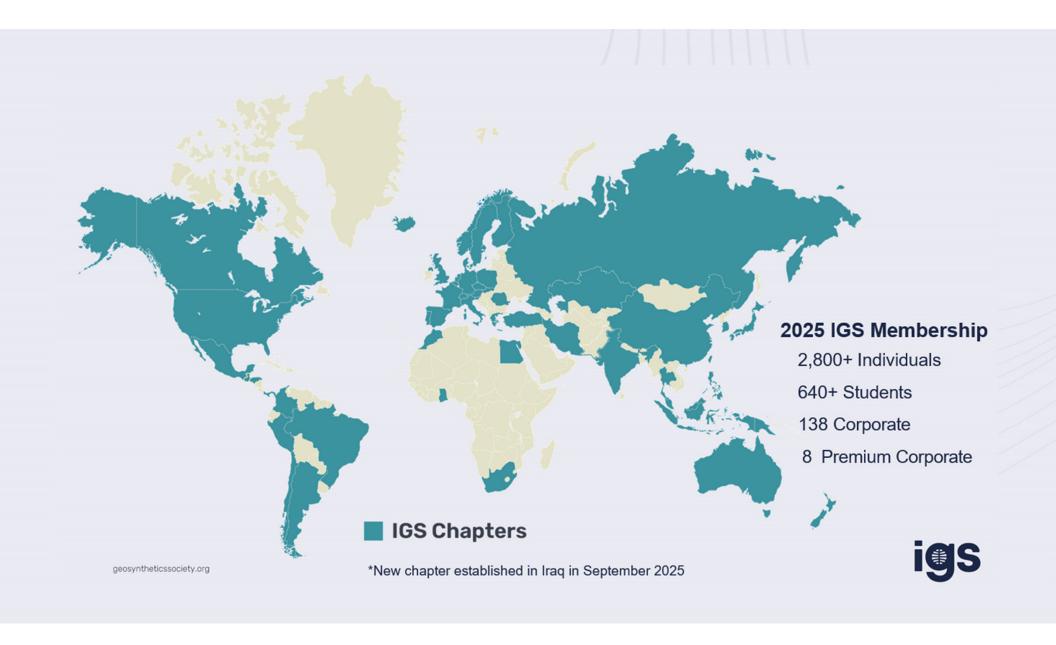


Membership

- > Administrative issues failed to issue or capture membership renewal notices, being corrected
- > Increased membership, but reduced payments that need addressing in the 2026 period
- > A healthy 21 Company members
- > Conference discounts is providing a membership uplift

Total	19 (239)	131	214	145	116	131
Honorary	3	3	3	3	3	-
Individual	9	106	175	126	84	112
Student	7	22	36	16	29	18
Member Category	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020





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Technical Taskforce

Jonathan Shamrock





Technical Taskforce

- > Technical Taskforce review committee was responsible for reviewing content for independence, accuracy and relevance presented in webinars, technical forums, weekly bulletins, case studies and at the GeoAsia8 conference.
- > Thanks to those that have assisted with this process, we had to throw the net a lot wider for GeoAsia8 given the number of submissions, and the need to review the abstracts, papers and presentations for this conference.
- > We are always looking for volunteers, so please get in touch if you are keen to help, specifically as we are starting the planning for GeoANZ#3.

Technical committee:

Aaron O'Malley Ali Biglari Ali Mahmood Alula Kassa Amir Shahkolahi Andy Fourie **Andy Warwick** Attila Marta Chaminda Gallage Chew Soon Hoe Chris Brockliss Chris Lawson Chungsik Yoo Colin Lim **Daniel Dohle** Dhundi Raj Pathak

Ekansh Agarwal Fernanda Bessa Ferreira Fernando Portelinha Florian Hoertkorn Fook Chi Soo Fred Gassner Gordon Stevens Hermann Ng Hossein Ghiasinejad Jake Stoyle Jan Kupec John Walter Cowland Jonathan Shamrock Kathy Tehrani Liza du Preez Magudeaswaran P Malek Bouazza

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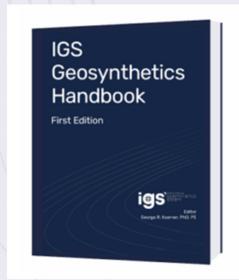


IGS Handbook

The IGS Geosynthetics Handbook, First Edition provides a comprehensive overview of geosynthetic materials, their applications, design considerations, and installation practices across infrastructure works. Developed by the International Geosynthetics Society (IGS) with contributions from global experts, this peer-reviewed handbook is a practical reference for civil engineering professionals of all experience levels, educators, and students.

- Chapter 1: Introduction to Geosynthetics
- Chapter 2: Geosynthetics in Roads and Pavements
- Chapter 3: Geosynthetics in Subsurface Drainage
- Chapter 4: Geosynthetics in Erosion and Sediment Control
- Chapter 5: Geosynthetics in Reinforced Soil Systems
- Chapter 6: Geosynthetic Barriers in Seepage Control Systems
- Chapter 7: Geosynthetics in Environmental Protection (waste containment)
- Chapter 8: Geosynthetic Support Systems

ACIGS ordered 35 handbooks; limited numbers are available for purchase @ US\$85/ each (AU\$130/each).



Voting Topics

Alicja Borysewicz-Slabik





Voting

Motion 1

- > The accounts are to be approved:
 - > Votes in favour: 14
 - > Votes against: 0
 - > Abstentions: 6

Motion 2

- > The reports from the office bearers are to be approved: approved by 15, against: 0
 - > Votes in favour: 15
 - > Votes against: 0
 - > Abstentions: 5

Motion 3

- > Individual membership fee for 2026 to remain at AU\$175:approved by 20, against: 0
 - > Votes in favour: 20
 - > Votes against: 0
 - > Abstentions: 0

Motion 4

- > Company membership fee for 2026 remain Gold = AUD 1,750 and Platinum = AUD 2,750
 - > Votes in favour: 20
 - > Votes against: 0
 - > Abstentions: 0



Any other business

Alicja Borysewicz-Slabik

- Amir: update about membership: all new IGS members: chapters can keep the money for the next year
 - new Chapter
 - GM42 updated again, new version is online (include in bulletin)
 - The best GeoAsia that many people attended
- Boyd R.: Will you take Paypal for individual invoices? And can we pay the back invoices? Yes
- Tom S.: Should we not have questions before voting: we will do it next year.
- Olivia Ch.: which city will hold the 2027 GEOANZ conference? Perth
- Phil **B.**: GeoAsia#8: not justifiable cost for sponsorship.







Thank you for attending

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