



Minutes of TC218 Conference Call - June 29, 2021

Date of Meeting

Tuesday June 29, 2021

12:00 PM (UTC)

Venue

Conference Call – Microsoft Teams

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Lead by:

1 Introduction

Giulia

- Call to order 12:00 PM UTC
- Ask for permission: Meeting is recorded. No objection.
- Attendance – 27 (see the list at the end of minutes)

2 TC218 Webpage updates

TC218 webpage in ISSMGE contains news and announcements of TC218.

<https://www.issmge.org/committees/technical-committees/applications/reinforced-fill-structures>

Member counts:

- 74 members (total): including:
 - o 44 officially registered, and
 - o 30 non-registered.
- From 44 members officially registered:
 - o 24 nominated (voting) members from local societies,
 - o 17 corresponding members
 - o 3 board members

TC218 webpage on GEOWORLD website:

Due to limited capabilities in ISSMGE page, TC218 documents and files can be download from here. So far 11 topics has been uploaded.

<https://www.mygeoworld.com/groups/reinforced-fill-structures-tc218>

Member count on this page is 199.



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- 3 **ICSMGE 2021 Conference in Sydney - updates**
<https://icsmge2022.org/>

Giulia

Conference is postponed due to the pandemic and is planned for **May 1-6, 2022**.

TC Parallel Session

- TC218 hosts Three (3) parallel sessions.
- Member societies will complete the review. Final paper submission date is September 1, 2021
- TC218 will not be involved in the paper review. Members who volunteered to review the papers will be asked to assist with planning parallel sessions.
- After September 1, TC218 dedicated committee will begin the process of planning the in-conference sessions.
- We expect to select approximately 17 papers.
- Since this event would represent our bi-annual meeting, TC218 needs to know if members are considering in person attendance.

End of Term Report

TCS are requested to submit an end of term report describing the activities during the term 2017 – 2021. The report has to be submitted 6 months before Sydney conference therefore the deadline is December 31, 2021.

Topic to be included in the report:

(If you have any suggestion, please send them to Giulia)

- Introduction with Overview – History & Organization of TC218
- Organized workshops / Conference sessions (e.g. Seoul, Munich, Reykjavik, etc.)
- Activities such as E-meetings, Subcommittees, etc. including the names of those volunteers who actively participated.
- Information posted on TC218 website.

- 4 **Active subcommittees**

Shahriar

Reinforced Fill Structures as Bridge Abutments:

- 2nd meeting held on April 21, 2021, next meeting will be in September.
- Members interested in participating in this subcommittee are asked to contact TC218 board or Nico at (nico@tailor-engineering.com)

Use of marginal fill with high plasticity in Reinforced Fill Structures:

- Call for members who are interested in participating in this subcommittee.
- 2nd meeting held on April 27, 2021. Next meeting invite will be announced.
- Interested members can contact Ratnakar (r.mahajan@maccaferri.com) or any TC218 board member.
- A shared folder is created to collect documents.
- Word files for seven chapters are created for member's collaboration.



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5 ISSMGE Time Capsule Project

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The ISSMGE Time Capsule 2022 has been conceived to help connecting and interacting with individual members of the ISSMGE all around the world about the work of the ISSMGE – past, present and future.

- Online meeting – the Board attended on June 1st
The complete presentation can be found here:
<https://www.issmge.org/filemanager/article/33/TC-one-hour-meeting-1-June-2021.pdf>

Here is the message:

How can ISSMGE maintain and strengthen the integrity and timeliness of its global relevance in this fast and dynamic environment? An important condition for this answer to be valid is that as many of the individual members of the ISSMGE participate in the making of the Time Capsule.

- They presented many paths used to communicating with individual members, but individuals also acquire info through internet, webinars, colleagues etc.
- The product is the material that comes out of the process that can be displayed and securely stored.

Here are the Four specific ideas for technical committee contributions:

1. Online and interactive mechanism
2. Promote TC guidelines and technical recommendations that are useful to practitioners.
3. Collaborate with the young members of ISSMGE by holding online TC conferences in Sep/Oct 2021
4. Deliver something special for the Sydney 2022 conference.
5. Something else, unique and interesting.

For Objective #1, TC218 board suggests a video interview of selected people about our industry/field. The interview will include 3 major questions to answer how we started, where we are and where we will be in future.

Objective #2 is an ongoing effort of this TC.

For Objective #3, TC218 board suggests a short video presentation of our TC, including:

- Who we are
- Our committee goals.
- Completed activities.
- Activities in progress.

TC218 is planning 3 parallel session for Sydney that fulfills Objective #4



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6 Conferences 2021 & 2022

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The list of international conferences: (2 websites)

<https://www.geosyntheticssociety.org/calendar/>

<https://www.issmge.org/events>

The status of most conferences is not clear due to the pandemic, and travel restrictions.
Major upcoming conferences are:

EuroGeo 7 – 7th European Geosynthetics Congress in Warsaw

<https://eurogeo7.org/>

Postponed. New dates: 4-7 September **2022**

12th International Conference on Geosynthetics in Roma, Italy

[12th ICG Roma 2022, 18-22 September \(12icg-roma.org\)](https://www.12icg-roma.org/)

Postponed. New dates: 17-21 September **2023**

GEOASIA7: 7th Asian Conference on Geosynthetic in Taipei, Taiwan

<http://www.geoasia7.org/>

Postponed. New dates: 11-15 April **2022**

GEOAFRICA: 4th African Regional Conference on Geosynthetic in Cairo, Egypt

<https://geoafrica2021.org>

[GeoAfrica 4 - 4th African Regional Conference on Geosynthetics | IGS \(geosyntheticssociety.org\)](https://www.geosyntheticssociety.org/)

Postponed. New dates: 20-23 Feb **2023**

7 Special Issues for Case Histories - Updates

Giulia
[Ivan Puig]

- Some papers were requested to provide editorial corrections/updates to improve the format and fulfill the Journal requirements
- Guidance can be found here:
<https://www.geocasehistoriesjournal.org/files/guidelines/IJGCHsubmission.pdf>
- This first review was not an in-depth paper review action but just very basic editorial/essential improvements required to allow the continuity of the process

8 Next Meeting & Adjournment

Giulia

Meeting ended in 1 hours. Recordings of this meeting is available in the link below:

[TC218 Conference Call Recording 29JUN2021](#)

Next conference call will be on **Tuesday Sept. 28th, 2021 – 7 AM (UTC)** capturing mainly Asia, Australia, and Europe.



LIST OF ATTENDEES:

Amarnath Hegde
Yassine Bennani
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Brett Gibbons
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Johnny Oriokot
Robert Lozano
Margarida Lopes
Marion Mutwota
Shahriar Mirmirani
Riccardo Musella
Jennifer Nicks
Oliver Detert
Patricia Guerra-Escobar
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