

PGS Workshop on “Resilience, Sustainability and Geotechnics” and the 19th G.A. Leonards Lecture by Prof. Krishna R. Reddy, May 5th, 2023

Dear colleagues and friends of the PGS,

On behalf of the organizing committee I am pleased to announce that the 2023 Purdue Geotechnical Society Workshop and the 19th G.A. Leonards Lecture will take place on Friday, May 5th, on the West Lafayette campus of Purdue University.

The theme for the workshop is “Resilience, Sustainability and Geotechnics”. It aligns with the subject of the Leonards Lecture on “Sustainability and Resiliency-Based Innovation: Research and Practices in Geoenvironmental Engineering”, which will be given by Professor Krishna R. Reddy of the University of Illinois at Chicago where he is Director of the laboratories of Geotechnical & Geoenvironmental Engineering and Sustainable Engineering Research. For his outstanding contributions to geotechnical and geoenvironmental engineering research, education and practice, Professor Reddy has been recognized as a leader of our profession, and we are thrilled that he has accepted our invitation to give the Leonards Lecture.

The workshop will consist in a full day of technical presentations including Keynote Lectures and discussions. Professor David Johnson who specializes in Political Science and Industrial Engineering at Purdue and is the lead developer of the flood risk model used to evaluate flood protection systems for Louisiana, will give one of the Keynotes on “Making a Difference: Lessons from Louisiana's Coastal Master Plan”. Dr. Robert Bachus, Senior Principal Engineer with Geosyntec Consultants, will give the other Keynote on “Data and Data Management...The Missing Link in Sustainable Geotechnical Practice”.

The Leonards Lecture will be followed by a reception and dinner.

Attached are the Call for Presentations and the Abstract Submission Form (no proceedings papers will be required) including more detailed information. Please respond to this call by March 3rd, 2023.

We are working on putting together a great program for the 19th edition of our geotechnical Spring event and hope you will be able to participate.