



Minutes of TC218 –Quarterly Meeting (Conf. Call) – April 28, 2026

Date of Meeting

April 28, 2026

6:00 AM – 7:00 AM (UTC)

Conference Call – Microsoft Teams

ITEMS		<u>Led by:</u>
1	Introduction	
	- Call to order 6:00 am (UTC) - Ask for permission: Meeting is recorded. - Attendance – 14 (see the list at the end of the minutes)	Giulia Lugli
2	TC218 Full Term Report and Administrative Updates	
	Giulia provided an overview of the recently completed TC218 full term report for ISSMGE, covering governance, membership, ongoing activities, and updates to the terms of reference, with input from the group. • Report Submission Requirements: Giulia explained that the TC218 full term report was requested by ISSMGE and required details on governance, membership, ongoing activities, and events, as well as feedback on the terms of reference, which were subsequently updated to reflect current practices.	Giulia Lugli
3	ICSMGE Vienna Workshop and Paper Selection	
	Giulia, Shahriar, and Oliver discussed the organization of the TC218 workshop at the ICSMGE conference in Vienna, including the selection of papers for oral and poster presentations, session structure, and collaboration with IGS TC-R. • Paper Selection Process: Shahriar, Oliver, and Giulia selected three papers for oral presentation, six for poster and short presentation, two for poster only, and one for proceedings only, with some papers redirected to other TCs due to relevance. • Workshop Structure and Topics: The workshop, scheduled as a parallel session on Monday, June 15th from 2 to 4 pm, will be split into two main topics: marginal or alternative fields and bridge abutments, with presentations from selected authors coordinated by subcommittee leaders Mitul, Patricia, and Ratnakar. • Session Logistics and Communication: Details of the session, including the room allocation, will be communicated to participants, and the session will begin with an introduction to TC218 and IGS TC-R before the technical presentations.	Giulia Lugli Shahriar Mirmirani Oliver Detert
4	Reggio Calabria IGS TC-R Workshop Planning	



	Giulia updated the group on the upcoming IGS TC-R workshop in Reggio Calabria, highlighting the number of contributions received, the registration process, and opportunities for further submissions. • Workshop Contributions and Registration: Approximately 26 contributions have been received for the July 7–9 workshop, with registration open via the IGS member portal and a reduced fee available for TC218 members. • Organization and Activities: The organizing team, including Nicolas Moracci, Giuseppe Cardile, Ivan Damians, and Pietro Rimoldi, is organizing both technical and social activities, and there is still room for additional contributions. Content Sharing and Proceedings: After the workshop, proceedings or extended abstracts will be published, and the group discussed sharing these materials via their platforms, similar to previous events.	Giulia Lugli
5	IGS and ISSMGE Elections and Leadership Updates	
	Giulia and Daniele Cazzuffi announced the results of the recent IGS elections and provided information on the upcoming ISSMGE presidential election at the Vienna conference. • IGS Election Results: Daniele was elected IGS president, Laura Carbone as vice president, and Patricia Guerra and Nicola Moracci, both TC218 members, were elected as council members. • ISSMGE Presidential Election Process: Daniele explained that the ISSMGE presidential election will take place on Sunday, June 14th, with each national geotechnical society casting one vote, and listed the four candidates for the position. • Encouragement for Participation: Daniele encouraged members to ensure their societies are represented in the vote and to register for upcoming conferences, emphasizing the importance of participation.	Giulia Lugli Daniele Cazzuffi
6	Social Media and Content Creation Initiatives	
	Hakan Ozcelik, Giulia, Shahriar, and Oliver discussed strategies for increasing TC218's visibility through regular social media posts, sharing case studies and abstracts, and coordinating content publication with author involvement and committee review. • Case Study and Abstract Sharing: The group agreed to share case studies and abstracts from workshop submissions on LinkedIn and other platforms, to post once every one to two weeks, subject to author permission. • Content Preparation and Review: Authors will be responsible for preparing summaries of their work, which will then be reviewed by the committee to	Hakan Ozcelik Giulia Lugli Shahriar Mirmirani



	ensure compliance with publication guidelines, such as limiting commercial references. • Coordination and Scheduling: A calendar will be established to schedule posts, and a follow-up meeting will be organized among the content creation group to finalize publication rules and logistics. • Post-Conference Content Plans: After the Vienna and Reggio Calabria workshops, the group plans to compile and share proceedings or extended abstracts on their platforms, providing ongoing content and visibility.	
7	Upcoming Conferences and Community Engagement	
	Giulia, Daniele, and Shahriar discussed upcoming conferences, including the 13th International Conference on Geosynthetics in Montreal and Geo Africa 2027, and encouraged members to register, submit papers, and consider organizing TC218 gatherings. • 13IGC Montreal Conference Planning: The group is considering organizing a TC218 and TC-R get-together during the Montreal conference, with further details to be communicated as plans develop. • Geo Africa 2027 Call for Papers: Daniele highlighted the upcoming Geo Africa 2027 conference in South Africa, noting the June 30th deadline for paper submissions and the relevance of the event for the reinforcement community.	Giulia Lugli Daniele Cazzuffi Shahriar Mirmirani
8	Subcommittee Updates and Next Steps	
	Giulia provided updates on the marginal fields and bridge abutment subcommittees, noting that Mitul confirmed readiness for the Vienna workshop presentations, while Ratnakar is organizing a meeting to finalize the marginal fill booklet by the end of May. • Bridge Abutment Subcommittee Status: Mitul reported that preparations for the Vienna workshop presentations are complete, with no additional meetings planned before the event. • Marginal Fills Subcommittee Plans: Ratnakar is scheduling a meeting with the marginal fill subcommittee by the end of May to finalize the booklet, and members should expect an invitation soon.	Giulia Lugli Mitul Dalwadi Ratnakar Mahajan
9	Next Meeting & Closing Remarks	
	Members were encouraged to provide feedback on the revised meeting format. Next TC218 conference call will be scheduled in August. The meeting time will be set to capture mainly the Americas, Africa, and Europe.	Giulia Lugli
	Meeting adjourned at 6:50 AM (UTC).	



LIST OF ATTENDEES

No.	Name
1	Antonio RAMIREZ
2	Giulia Lugli
3	Johnny Oriokot
4	Yoshi Miyata
5	Hakan Ozcelik
6	Filippo Maria Santoli
7	Jacek Kawalec
8	Shahriar MIRMIRANI
9	Detert, Oliver
10	Csongor Marton
11	Norman LEE
12	Daniele Cazzuffi
13	Oltion KORINI
14	Carlos MEANA