

Letter to the Asian Member Societies of ISSMGE

10 January 2014

Subject: Call for Abstracts
for the 15th Asian Regional Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (15ARC),
Fukuoka, Japan, **9-13 November 2015**

Dear Presidents and Secretaries of ISSMGE Asian Member Societies,

Happy New Year 2014!

On behalf of the organizing committee for the 15th Asian Regional Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (15ARC), I would like to inform you that the call for abstracts is now open.

<http://www.15arc.org/index.html>

According to the ISSMGE bylaws, the abstracts are selected by the member societies. The one page abstracts will be written in English. The abstracts should include paper title, names and affiliations of authors, contact information (name, affiliation, address, and e-mail), abstract text of up to 300 words, keywords, and selected topic from the list below. This one page abstract is for paper selection only. The authors of accepted abstract will be requested to prepare four page technical paper and one page abstract in official format for the conference proceedings.

List of topics

1. Characterization of soils
2. Local and problematic soils
3. Geo-disaster - earthquake
4. Geo-disaster - rainfall
5. Geo-disaster - slope failure
6. Foundations
7. Underground construction and tunneling
8. Rock engineering
9. Dams and embankments
10. Geo-environmental engineering
11. Ground improvement and geo-synthetics
12. Geotechnical risk assessment and management
13. Forensic investigation
14. Innovative technologies for geotechnical applications including informatics
15. Case histories
16. Design and/or construction practice
17. Large scale projects related to geotechnical engineering

Selected abstracts have to be submitted by each member society to the organizing committee through internet (e-mail: 15tharc@kumamoto-u.ac.jp, or file storage service) or by post (CD, DVD, or USB) **by 30 June 2014**. Although the member societies are requested to review the abstracts before submission, notification of the finally accepted abstracts will be sent by the organizing committee after submission by the member societies.

The number of pages in the conference proceedings that is allocated to each member society will be determined on the basis of membership. Page allocation will be indicated by the organizing committee. All final papers should be four pages long. These indications will allow you to determine the number of abstracts for your member society.

After acceptance of the abstracts by the organizing committee, the member societies will be requested to collect the final four-page papers and one-page abstracts in official format, which will be available on the website (also, we will inform you by e-mail). After reviewing the papers and abstracts, the member societies will transfer them to the organizing committee through internet (e-mail: 15tharc@kumamoto-u.ac.jp, or file storage service) or by post (CD, DVD, or USB) **before 30 January 2015**. The final acceptance of the papers will be notified to the authors **by 29 May 2015**.

In 15ARC, a special program named "Engineering Session Day" is also scheduled. This program is for engineers to know some ongoing projects, as well as previous large-scale projects, in Asia and meet engineers to plant the seeds of new technologies and business. The organizing committee will inform you call for abstracts for this special program later, but we will invite some selected abstracts to this special program from general conference papers.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We thank you very much in advance for your kind assistance and we look forward to receiving your abstracts **by 30 June 2014**.

Sincerely yours,



Jun Otani
Chair of the 15ARC Organizing Committee