



# ISSMGE EUROPE

VICE PRESIDENT

Prof. Lyesse Laloui

**“COMING TOGETHER IS A BEGINNING,  
KEEPING TOGETHER IS A PROGRESS  
WORKING TOGETHER IS A SUCCESS!”**

Henry Ford

# 2023 Meeting of European National Societies

6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**ISSMGE VICE PRESIDENT FOR EUROPE - PROF. LYESSE LALOU**

## Minutes of the Meeting

Location: Ecole Polytechnique Federal de Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland & Online

*Chairing of the Event made by Professor Lyesse Laloui – Vice President of ISSMGE for Europe*

*ISSMGE Europe - a vibrant hub of geotechnical engineering, fostering collaboration, mentoring, and knowledge sharing across its unique and diverse countries.*

**Participants** 21 *National Societies* in total (7 *National Societies* on site and 14 *National Societies* Online)

**Introduction by Vice-President for Europe – Prof. Lyesse Laloui:**

*ISSMGE Europe - a very dynamic community with very high standard activities, representing in terms of members almost half of the entire ISSMGE Community.*

*Review of the first year:*

- **European events:**
  - 1st Annual Meeting of the National Societies (Creation of the Support Group)
  - Danube- European Conference
  - Congress on Environmental Geotechnics
- **ISSMGE European Newsletter**
- **Updates on the latest news from ISSMGE Board Meeting that took place in August 2023 (Astana, Kazakhstan)**
  - Presentation among what was discussed at the Council meeting
  - ISSMGE acts like an association at the international level and for bank issues in UK where it is based, this option is not available anymore.
  - Options: Either to move to another country or to incorporate it as a company incorporated in UK or in other place. There are different discussions at the society level and a proposal will be sent soon to all national societies.

**Topics  
Discussed:**

**Regarding the ISSMGE legal status:**

- Concerns have been raised by colleagues from Turkish society, regarding transformation of the legal status of the society into a company.

**Regarding Next Meeting of European National Societies**

- Will be organized in London in March 2024
- Organized by Stephen Thomas as part of the Support Group of the European ISSMGE Vice President

**Regarding our Profession**

- Bring together in the society the entire from academia-design-execution, control, etc.
- Bring practitioners closer to the Society.
- In UK there is an initiative to attract professionals to the society. A number of 3 seminars are planned. The seminars are dedicated to sharing practical knowledge.
- An idea discussed was to advertise these seminars to all National Societies.
- In addition, the idea of launching a series of seminars at European level with the purpose of sharing knowledge and expertise and implicate and attract practitioners.
- Possible topics: Artificial Intelligence, Big Data, Climate Change, Energy, etc.
- Establish a list of 6 events that will take place online, monthly.
- National Societies to propose topics and also Speakers for these events.
- During these events non-technical topics may also be addressed such as: The future of our profession, how to attract more people in the field of geotechnical engineering, etc. In the case of non-technical events, they will be organized such as round tables.
- Proposals are expected also for young members of the community to engage in the organization of these events.

**Future  
European  
Events  
2024:**

**Announcement of European ISSMGE events:**

- **Next European National Societies Meeting, March 2024**
- **ECSMGE - XVIII European Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering, 26-30 Aug. 2024, <https://www.ecsmqe-2024.com/>**



*Observations: The draft papers they must be submitted until October 30 and the final submission until 22 March. Start with the registrations, the early bird will finish at April 30, 2024*

- **28th European Young Geotechnical engineers conference and Geo-Games, 4-7.10.2023, <https://www.eygtec28.com/>**



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- **19th Nording Geotechnical Meeting, <https://nqm2024.se/>**

## **Next Generation Meeting**

**Welcome to the 19<sup>th</sup> Nordic Geotechnical Meeting!**

### **Göteborg 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> of September 2024**

#### **Note! News!**

Call for abstracts is now open

Notice our first keynote speakers



*Observations: The selected young candidates for the conference need to be reconfirmed. An email will be sent soon.*

<b>Next Steps:</b>	<p><i>A series of On-line monthly European events will be planned.</i></p> <p><i>Proposals are expected from the National Societies for:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <i>Topics to be addressed (Technical and Non-Technical (ex: Future of our Profession))</i></li><li>- <i>Suggestions for Speakers</i></li><li>- <i>Suggestions for Young Members who would like to be involved in the organization of these events</i></li></ul>

