



## Society Profile & Membership Information

*International Geosynthetics Society*

The [International Geosynthetics Society](http://www.geosyntheticssociety.org) (IGS) is a non-profit organization which was founded in Paris, on 10 November 1983, by a group of geotechnical engineers and textile specialists. The society brings together individual and corporate members from all parts of the world, who are involved in the design, manufacture, sale, use or testing of geotextiles, geomembranes, related products and associated technologies, or who teach or conduct research about such products.

The IGS has over **2081 individual members, 124 student members and 121 corporate members from 68 countries**. There are **31 national or regional chapters** of the IGS representing **94%** of the membership. The IGS is managed by 5 elected officers and 10-16 elected council members—a maximum of 5 co-opted council members may also serve on the council. Contact information for council and officers is available on the IGS website under Directories at [www.geosyntheticssociety.org](http://www.geosyntheticssociety.org).

### **The IGS Aims**

- to collect and disseminate knowledge on all matters relevant to geotextiles, geomembranes and related products, e.g. by promoting seminars, conferences etc.
- to promote advancement of the state of the art of geotextiles, geomembranes and related products and of their applications, e.g. by encouraging, through its members, the harmonization of test methods, equipment and criteria
- to improve communication and understanding regarding such products, e.g. between designers, manufacturers and users and especially between the textile and civil engineering communities

### **In Order to Achieve These Aims the IGS:**

- promotes the dissemination of technical information on geosynthetics through its two official journals ***Geotextiles & Geomembranes*** and ***Geosynthetics International***
- provides a forum for the exchange of ideas through communications at IGS Conferences and IGS supported events on local, national, regional and international levels
- through work in its Educational and Technical committees, publishes documents which provide guidance to the users of geosynthetics
- through work in its technical committee assists in the editing of documents from other agencies, associations or regulators
- publishes ***The IGS News*** three times annually
- hosts a publicly available web site for members and non-members to search many of the educational documents created by the IGS
- offers multiple awards including student awards for excellence in achievement

**A comprehensive listing of the IGS' 25 years of achievement can be found on the IGS Web Site on the page titled *Milestones***

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## General Membership Benefits

By becoming a member of the IGS you will:

- help support the aims of the IGS
- contribute to the advancement of the art and science of geotextiles, geomembranes and related products and of their applications
- Be exposed to a forum where designers, manufacturers and users are exchanging new ideas and developing new contacts
- become increasingly informed, involved and influential in the field of geotextiles, geomembranes, related products and associated technologies

### Benefits to Student Members

- your information listed in the **IGS Membership Directory** which is updated in real-time, with full addresses, telephone, email and fax numbers of all members—an excellent networking tool
- electronic access to the **IGS NEWS**, published three times annually
- on-line access to the IGS leaflets (information tools concerning applications, etc.) information on test methods and standards and other technical guidance documents
- discount rates:
  - ♦ for document published in the future by IGS
  - ♦ at international, regional or national conferences organized by the IGS or under its auspices
- preferential treatment at conferences organized by the IGS or under its auspices
- eligibility for various IGS awards in particular the Young IGS Award
- IGS membership card
- IGS lapel pin



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## Corporate Membership Benefits

In addition to all of the general membership benefits the Corporate Members of the IGS enjoy valuable benefits while supporting and promoting the growth of the geosynthetics industry. Contact information and corporate member presentations are available on the IGS website under members at [www.geosyntheticssociety.org](http://www.geosyntheticssociety.org).

### Additional Corporate Member Benefits

#### Exposure on the IGS Web site [www.geosyntheticssociety.org](http://www.geosyntheticssociety.org)

A comprehensive advertisement on the **IGS Web site [www.geosyntheticssociety.org](http://www.geosyntheticssociety.org)** including a company description, logo, links, contact information, key words and other details about your company. In 2007 the IGS site averaged almost 15,000 visitors per month with steady growth during the year. December of 2007 closed with over 19,000 visitors. In the first two months of 2008 the site averaged 21,000+ visits per month!

A detailed listing with keywords in the searchable, on-line **IGS Member Directory**

#### Opportunity to post your Company's full page profile in an issue of the IGS News.

The **IGS News** is circulated to each of the IGS 2,000+ individual, student and corporate members electronically. Hard copies of the newsletter are distributed at various events in which the IGS or it's members participate.

#### Permission to use the IGS logo at exhibitions and in promotional literature.

The IGS is recognized as the geosynthetics industry's preeminent learned society. Corporate Members of the IGS may use the IGS logo to allow others to recognize their support of the industry.

#### Priority booth selection at all exhibits organized by the IGS or under its "auspices".

In addition to receiving discounted rates on booth and attendee fees at these conferences, IGS Corporate Members in good standing are given priority selection of booth space at these events.

#### Opportunity to join one of the international committees in order to contribute to topics of common interest.

The IGS Membership may participate on any of the open committees including:

- Asian Activities
- African Activities
- Communication
- Corporate
- Education
- European Activities
- North American Activities
- South American Activities
- Strategy/Membership
- Technical

#### IGS Corporate Membership Plaque

Presents an annually updated record of corporate membership

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# Student Membership Application

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Membership of the Society is open to Individuals or Corporations "...engaged in, or associated with, the research, development, teaching, design, manufacture or use of geotextiles, geomembranes and related products or systems and their applications, or otherwise interested in such matters." Any full-time registered student at a university, college or engineering school may become a student member of the IGS. An IGS 'contact member' will be appointed for each university, or similar establishment, where there are students interested in becoming student members of the IGS.

This contact member would:

- assist the students in organizing local activities (lectures, field trips, etc.)
- collect any local chapter fees and submit application forms to the chapter
- if no chapter is present, submit the application forms directly to the IGS

For more information on how to become a student member contact:

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Please fill in the information below, as you wish it to appear in the on-line *IGS Membership Directory*.

Member Information			
Given Name	Family Name	Working for Type of Degree: Bachelors - Engineers - Masters - PhD - Other	
University		Degree Program	
Year of Registration in Program		Expected Date of Graduation	
Address			
Address			
City	State/Prov	Zip Code	Country
Country Code	Telephone	Fax	Email
IGS Contact Member			

The IGS contact member should send a copy of the completed forms to:

IGS Secretariat  
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West Palm Beach, FL 33405 USA

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