

Best *Geosynthetics International* Paper for 2006

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At the Editorial Board meeting held on 21 September 2006 in Yokohama, it was decided to select the best paper published in *Geosynthetics International* in each year starting with Volume 12 (2005). The decision was also made that this selection would be made by the members of the Editorial Board serving at the time of the award year. Recently we reported the winners of the three best papers for 2005. We are delighted to announce that the "Best *Geosynthetics International* Paper for 2006" is:

Dixon, N., Jones, D. R. V. & Fowmes, G. J. (2006). Interface shear strength variability and its use in reliability-based landfill stability analysis. *Geosynthetics International*, 13, No. 1, 1–14.

The voting by the members of the Editorial Board resulted in two other outstanding papers tied for second choice. Hence, we decided that these papers deserve to be recognized as "one of the three best papers published in *Geosynthetics International* in 2006". They are:

Lohani, T. N., Matsushima, K., Aqil, U., Mohri, Y. & Tatsuoka, F. (2006). Evaluating the strength and deformation characteristics of a soil bag pile from full-scale laboratory tests. *Geosynthetics International*, 13, No. 6, 246–264

and

Farias, R. J. C., Palmeira, E. M. & Carvalho, J. C. (2006). Performance of geotextile silt fences in large flume tests. *Geosynthetics International*, 13, No. 4, 133–144

We thank the members of the Editorial Board for participating in the best paper selection process and congratulate the authors of these excellent papers. Each paper reflects the high standards of the Journal and is an important contribution to our geosynthetics discipline.

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R.J. Bathurst, Editor
T.S. Ingold, Editor (1994-2006)
J.P. Giroud, Chairman of the Editorial Board