

BENEFITS TO IGS MEMBERS

PREAMBLE

Below is a list of benefits that IGS members are invited to enjoy. However, it should be remembered that the main benefit, above all others enjoyed by IGS members, is to belong to, and be heard by, a professional group that works for proper organization of the discipline (of geosynthetics).

1. Benefits for All Members

1.1. Membership acknowledgment: Each member should receive a membership acknowledgment letter or a receipt and be thanked for their support and participation in the organization.

1.2. Membership Directory Listing: A directory of IGS members, should be published on open access section of the IGS website. These directories should include contact information as applicable and available: physical addresses telephone, email addresses and company, chapter and committee affiliations. It includes:

- a directory of all members
- a directory of all corporate members;
- a directory of all honorary members and benefactors;
- a directory of all council members, officers, committee chairmen, etc.;
- a directory of all chapters and the names of their officers;

1.3. Access to IGS Journals

Free digital access to the electronic publications of the two Official IGS Journals “Geotextiles and Geomembranes” and “Geosynthetics International”

1.4 Information on IGS

Each member can request and receive digital copies of IGS bylaws, minutes of general assemblies and council meetings, guidelines regarding conferences and chapters, rules for candidacies and votes, pamphlets, publications and etc.

1.5 Newsletter

All members should receive the IGS newsletter in digital format or notification of it's presence on the internet. Where digital transmission is not possible hard copies can be distributed unless this is cost prohibitive. The newsletter may also be distributed at no charge to selected nonmembers if it can help promote the IGS.

1.6 Literature and literature discounts

The IGS publishes (in addition to the IGS News) selected publications, which are available through the IGS secretariat. A price reduction is offered to all IGS members for purchases of any documents, and publications issued by the IGS. The price paid by IGS members should be less than 80% of the price paid by nonmembers. It is also possible that other publications may be offered through the IGS at a discounted price.

2. Benefits Specific to Individual Members

In addition to the benefits mentioned above, the individual members of the IGS receive the following benefits.

2.1. Priority at Conferences

Membership in the IGS is taken into consideration in the selection process of papers for conferences organized or endorsed by the IGS. The IGS reserves the right to decide that, at a given conference, the percentage of papers which have at least one author who is an IGS member be higher than a minimum percentage, to be fixed case by case, up to 66%. The minimum percentage, if any, shall be publicized in the call for papers of the relevant conferences.

Membership in the IGS is taken into consideration in the selection process of session chairmen and general reporters of conferences organized or endorsed by the IGS. The IGS reserves the right to decide that, at a given conference, the percentage of session chairmen and general reporters who are IGS members be higher than a minimum percentage, to be fixed case by case, up to 66%.

2.2. Discounts at Conferences

A reduced registration fee is offered to IGS individual members at all international, regional, or national conferences organized or endorsed by the IGS. The price reduction offered to IGS individual members is expected to be at least 50% of the annual individual IGS membership fee.

2.3 IGS Award

Every four years, awards may be granted by the IGS to IGS individual members for special achievements. See description below. Only IGS members should receive IGS awards.

3. Benefits Specific to Corporate Members

In addition to the benefits available to all members as listed in Section 1, the corporate members of the IGS receive the following benefits.

3.1 IGS Directory

Corporate members are listed twice in the IGS Directory: (i) by country, like individual members; and (ii) in a list reserved for corporate members. The list of corporate members has high visibility in the Directory. In this list, the various firms are ranked by chronological order of continuous corporate membership.

Please note that when a company withdraws its company membership it is excised from the list. Accordingly, the corporate membership list presents and recognizes continuous membership.

3.2 Newsletter

Current corporate members are listed in alphabetical order in every IGS newsletter.

3.3 Priority at Exhibits

At all exhibitions organized by the IGS or related to conferences organized by the IGS, the Corporate Members will be given priority for booth site selection over other exhibitors in each category of booth size. However, if a conference is sponsored by an organization, which already

gives priority to certain categories of exhibitors, these exhibitors may be given the same priority as IGS corporate members. The priority among corporate members will be according to seniority. See Events Section of Handbook for details of procedure.

3.4 Discounts at Exhibitions

At all exhibitions organized by the IGS or related to conferences organized by the IGS, the IGS Corporate Members will be offered a reduced price. This reduction may also be negotiated on conferences and exhibitions organized by other bodies and endorsed by the IGS. See Events Section of Handbook for details of specific discounts.

3.5 Discount on Advertising Rates

The IGS negotiates reduced advertising rates for its corporate members in magazines and technical journals, which wish to be approved as "An Official Journal of the IGS".

3.6 Discounts at Conferences

A reduced registration fee is offered to five members of the personnel of each IGS Corporate Member at all conferences organized by the IGS. This reduction may also be negotiated on conferences organized by other bodies and endorsed by the IGS. This reduced registration fee is the same as the reduced registration fee for individual members. See Events section of Handbook for details.

3.7 Discounted Subscriptions

IGS Corporate Members pay a reduced fee for a maximum of one subscription to magazines and technical journals with which the IGS signs an agreement. This reduced subscription fee is the same as the reduced subscription fee for individual members.

3.8 IGS Logo

All Corporate Members receive a logo, which they can use at exhibits. In addition, they are authorized to use the IGS logo and announce their corporate membership status in promotional literature with the following two conditions:

- the logo shall appropriately sized
- if an initial date for corporate membership date is indicated (e.g., "corporate member since 19.."), the date shall agree with the year of the beginning of continuous corporate membership, as indicated in the IGS records.

Artwork for logos is available on request from the secretary of the IGS

3.9 Certificate

Every year, corporate members receive a formal certificate suitable for display depicting the IGS logo and recognizing their corporate status for that year.

4. Benefits Specific to Benefactors

Benefactors (who are not necessarily members of the IGS) enjoy the benefits indicated in Section 1 and in Section 2 or 3, as appropriate, if they are members of the IGS. In addition, the benefactors of the IGS receive the following benefits.

4.1. IGS Directory

Benefactors are listed twice in the IGS Directory (in addition to their listing as member if they are also member): (i) by country, like individual members; and (ii) in a list reserved for benefactors. In this list, the various benefactors are ranked by chronological order of continuous benefactor status.

4.2. IGS Logo

Benefactors are authorized to use the IGS logo and announce their benefactor status in promotional literature with the following two conditions:

- the logo shall appropriately sized
- if an initial date for benefactor status is indicated (e.g., "benefactor since 19.."), the date shall be the year of the beginning of continuous benefactor status as indicated in IGS records.

Artwork for logos is available on request from the secretary of the IGS

IGS AWARDS RULES

For promotion of advances in the scientific and engineering development of geosynthetics related products and associated technologies.

1. PURPOSE OF THE IGS AWARDS

The aim of the IGS Awards is to encourage producers, users, consultants, and scientists who perform special achievements in the field, of manufacturing, application and knowledge of geosynthetics, and related products and associated technologies.

Awards will be made for the recognition of achievements completed and/or the validity of which has been demonstrated during a minimum period of four years preceding the year of the award. However, elements for which an individual would have been awarded previously could not be considered in the entry.

The IGS Awards will be presented to individuals or groups of individuals who made an outstanding contribution to the development and use of geosynthetics, related products or associated technologies, through their scientific and technological work. For example an award can be given for design and construction of a structure; publication of a technical document (paper, book, article, manual); completion of a research program; development of new products and techniques.

2. ENTRY CATEGORIES

Entries may be in any of the following categories:

- a) products;
- b) testing and testing equipment;
- c) instrumentation, monitoring, and performance evaluation;
- d) design and design methods;
- e) construction and construction methods;
- f) fundamental aspects;
- g) any combination of the above; and
- h) others.

3. TYPES OF AWARDS

There will be two types of awards:

- The Young IGS Member Achievement Award for IGS members who are less than 36 years of age on December 31 of the last year of the four-year period considered for the award; and:
- The IGS Award (regardless of age).

If a group is a candidate for the Young IGS Member Achievement Award, all members of the group should satisfy the age requirement for the Young IGS Member Achievement Award. If this requirement is not satisfied, the entire group is disqualified for the Young IGS Member Achievement Award. If a candidate, individual or group, satisfies the age requirement for the Young IGS Member Achievement Award, the entry submitted by this candidate will be considered for both Awards (unless requested otherwise by the candidate). However, a candidate may only receive one award in a given year.

4. CANDIDATES

All members of IGS are eligible for IGS awards except the President of IGS and the members of the Awards Committee.

Candidates must be members of the IGS. If a group is a candidate, all members of the group must be members of the IGS; if this requirement is not satisfied, the entire group is disqualified. If a company is a candidate, this company must be a corporate member of the IGS. A company cannot be a candidate for the Young IGS Member Achievement Award. The deadline for candidates to be members of the IGS is June 30 of the last year of the four-year period considered for the award.

IGS members are encouraged to become candidates by providing a written submission to the IGS Secretariat in accordance with requirements. Any IGS member except the members of the Awards Committee may also make nominations. The Publications Committee, Education Committee, Corporate Members Committee and the IGS Chapters will be invited to make nominations. All candidates will be treated equally (i.e. irrespective of whether they make a personal submission or are nominated). There is no restriction in the number of awards an individual can receive. There is no time restriction between two periods of eligibility, which can correspond to two consecutive 4 years periods. However, Awards can only be given to the same individual provided that they are attributed for two different bodies of work.

The Awards Committee will not be advised as to the name(s) of the individual/group making the submission/nomination (i.e. the method of candidature is confidential).

5. NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE

Typewritten nominations of candidates should be in English on plain paper (not letterhead).

The nomination should clearly state:

- A clear statement of the contribution of the candidate that is to be considered (e.g. if a product provides a clear definitions of the product; if a paper(s) or book give the full reference of the paper(s)/book; if a report, a full reference to the report; if a construction method a clear description of the method and any references, etc.),
- A statement indicating the originality, and significance of the candidate's contribution to the discipline (i.e. in the field of geosynthetics, related products and/or associated technologies).
- Candidates who have been nominated will be contacted by the IGS Secretary to obtain, their agreement to be a candidate; proof of age if the nomination is for the Young IGS Members Achievement Award;
- Scans, samples, photos or copies of relevant materials (e.g. material samples, reports, papers etc. as indicated), which will be needed by the Awards Committee.

6. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates or groups of candidates, on plain paper (not letterhead) must submit typewritten entries in English.

Each submission should include complete information in support of the nomination.

Where appropriate each entry is recommended to include:

- An abstract/executive summary in a maximum of 25 lines
- Clear copies of the articles including full reference (list of authors, location and date of publication, etc.);
- Any supporting justification considered necessary to present the significance of the entry.
- For example; an assessment of the eligibility of the entry, mentioning the originality of the work, the importance of the work (impact on the industry), important dates in the development of the work, completion of the work and other demonstrations of its validity.
- In addition, if appropriate a description or explanation presenting the significance of the technological advances of the discipline
- Photographs, samples or other illustrations if appropriate

Several related publications may be submitted together as one submission provided there is an accompanying explanation of the relationship between the publications and the contribution of the total submission to the advancement of the discipline. In the case of a coherent series of publications the last one should have been published in the four years prior to the year in which the award shall be given.

The Awards Committee, at its discretion, may require a statement indicating that the information given is true and complete in all material aspects, and that the decisions of the jury (awards committee) will be accepted.

7. IGS AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Awards Committee will comprise five regular members including its chairman (who is appointed by the officers of the IGS). The members of the committee shall be selected so as to represent a broad cross-section of the discipline. The members of the Awards Committee will be selected for their technical expertise.

The officers of IGS will appoint the Awards Committee, during the twenty-four months preceding the conference during which the awards will be given.

At least one regular member of the Awards Committee will be a member of the IGS Council.

The officers of the IGS appoint one of the regular members of the Awards Committee as a vice chair/secretary. His/her functions are to:

- Substitute for the chair when he/she is not available;
- Assist the chairman for the organization of the work of the Awards Committee and the relationship with the IGS Secretary;
- Prepare the agenda of the Awards Committee meetings; and write the minutes of the awards Committee meetings.

A maximum of five substitute members will be appointed as substitutes for unavailable regular members.

The Secretary of the IGS or his/her representative appointed by the IGS Council attends all meetings of the Awards Committee as an observer and coordinator.

The Awards Committee will be asked to contact all corporate members in due time to prompt them to apply for IGS awards. This will ensure that a balance will remain between awards given to academics and to corporate members.

8. SUBMISSION DATE

The entry must be received at the IGS Secretariat no later than the date decided by the Council and published in IGS News. The deadline date should be between twelve and eighteen months before the date of the next international conference.

9. PROCEDURE

Upon receipt of an entry, the IGS Secretary or his/her representative will acknowledge its receipt.

The entry will be given a registration number.

The IGS Secretary or his/her representative has a duty of secrecy vis-a-vis the Awards Committee transactions and awards issues.

The Awards Committee is free to ask the advice of experts or referees about any matter concerning the entries.

The Awards Committee will review entries take decisions regarding the Awards. If, in the judgment of the Awards Committee, no application for a type of award is of sufficient merit, this type of award will not be granted. A maximum of five IGS achievement awards and two Young IGS Member Achievement Awards will be granted for each four-year period.

In case of emergency, if one of the regular members of the Awards Committee becomes unavailable and no designated substitute member is available, a new substitute member can be appointed by the chairman of the Awards Committee, with the approval of the President of the IGS.

The quorum for meetings of the Awards Committee is five members. However, in cases where the emergency procedure cannot be implemented, a quorum of four members may be accepted.

Any substitute member who substitutes a regular member remains a member of the Awards Committee until the end of the procedure, in lieu of the regular member he/she substituted.

Decisions of the Awards Committee about the allocation of the Awards will be submitted to the President of the IGS or to his/her delegate for final review within one week of the decision of the Committee. Comments from the President of the IGS or his/her delegate must be sent to the chairman of the Awards Committee within three weeks of the Committee's decision. The Awards Committee then has six weeks to alter or maintain its decisions. The decisions will then be final and will not be subject to further discussion or appeal.

The successful candidates will be notified within three weeks of the final decision of the Awards Committee.

The results will be kept secret until the Awards are presented or until an appropriate time, to be decided by the IGS Officers.

There is duty of secrecy for all members of the Awards Committee, the President and the Secretary of the IGS or his/her representative, as to the entries and the discussions which led to the Committee's decisions, and, when applicable, to the results of their decisions.

10. SECRETARIAT AND COMMUNICATION

The Secretary of the IGS or his/her representative is the sole and effectively responsible person for collecting the entries and distributing them to members of the Awards Committee. He/she is also in charge of all relationships regarding awards outside the Awards Committee (contacts with candidates, IGS members, the press, etc.). He/she monitors the procedure used within the Awards Committee.

11. IGS AWARDS

The award will consist of a specially commissioned medal and a diploma.

The award will generally be presented at, or in connection with, the IGS General Assembly. On a case by case basis, the IGS Council may decide to organize an award ceremony at another time.

The winning entries will be publicized in the IGS News, and through special press releases and in other ways.

The decision to give an IGS Award cannot be considered as an endorsement by the IGS of the subject of the entry, be it a product or a procedure. The recipient or recipients of an IGS Award cannot use it for commercial or any other purposes where any suggestion is being made or where there could be a perception that the IGS endorses the product or the procedure, or their development and applications.

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12. DUTIES OF AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Successful candidates (recipients of awards) are invited (expected) to prepare a one-page article on his/her/their work for publication in the IGS News

GUIDELINES FOR IGS CHAPTERS AWARDS

In the case an IGS chapter should decide to establish its own award, the following guidelines would apply:

1. Any IGS chapter is entitled to create and distribute its own award.
2. Such award must be restricted to the chapter's geographic area, i.e.; it should not have an international character.
3. The IGS must be informed of the chapter's intention to set up its own award and the rules of the Chapter Award must be sent to the IGS. Such rules have to be consistent in their spirit with the IGS Awards Rules. For example, a selecting committee, nominated by the chapter's officers, has to evaluate entries and allocate the awards.
4. The announcement of any allocated Chapter Award should be separated by a period of 6 months from the IGS Award announcement.
5. The form and design of the Chapter Award should differ from the IGS medal and diploma. If the IGS logo is to be used for the Chapter Award, then the design of the Chapter Award has to be approved by the IGS Council.

IGS REGIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE LECTURES RULES

1. The IGS has three special lectures that take place at the International and Regional Conferences as follows:
 - a. The Giroud Lecture is delivered at each International Conference (ICG) in honor of JP Giroud.
 - b. The LMNS Lecture – is delivered at each European Regional Conference (EuroGeo) in honor of E. Leflaive, A. McGown, J. Nieuwenhuis and M. Sotton.
 - c. The Zornberg Lecture – is delivered at each Pan American Regional Conference (GeoAmericas) in honor of J Zornberg.
2. The selection of the lecturer and subsequent award of each of these lectures are governed by rules as detailed below:
3. The Giroud Lecture
 - a. The Giroud lecture was established by the IGS Council in 1994 in recognition of the invaluable contributions of Dr. J.P. Giroud to the technical advancement of the geosynthetics discipline and his central role in the development of the IGS
 - b. The Giroud Lecture recognizes an individual whose work resulted in significant advances in concepts or technologies that had a significant impact on the practice of geosynthetics engineering worldwide.
 - c. The Giroud Lecture consists of a presentation (approximately one hour) delivered at the opening session of each International Conference on Geosynthetics (ICG) and a written paper published in the proceedings of the conference.
 - d. There are no restrictions on the specific geosynthetics concept or technology to be covered in the Giroud Lecture.
 - e. The criteria for selection of the Giroud Lecturer include:
 - i. having a demonstrated pursuit of excellence;
 - ii. having contributed to the development of the geosynthetics discipline at large;
 - iii. having advanced, either directly or indirectly, the appropriate use of geosynthetics
 - f. While the Giroud Lecturer shall be a prominent contributor to the geosynthetics discipline, he/she does not need to be a member of the IGS.
 - g. The lecturer is selected by the Council of the IGS.
 - h. Nominations are accepted from the officers, the council and the membership at large.
 - i. The Council shall encourage nominations by IGS Chapters, individual IGS members, IGS Officers, IGS Council members and IGS TCs.
 - i. At least 24 months before the forthcoming International Conference on Geosynthetics, the IGS Secretary shall contact the IGS Past Presidents, the IGS Officers and Council Members to solicit nominations
 - ii. All nominations will be routed to the IGS Council and will be considered.
 - iii. If no nomination has been received, the IGS Council shall make at least one nomination.
 - iv. The IGS President should personally contact the nominees to make sure they would agree to present the Giroud Lecture and write the paper, if selected.
 - j. The Giroud Lecturer shall be selected by the IGS Council, ideally at least 18 months before the forthcoming International Conference on Geosynthetics.
 - i. The IGS Council shall select the Giroud Lecturer based on the list of nominees.
 - ii. A unanimous decision shall be sought out among the IGS Council members. However, if there is no consensus is reached a vote shall be taken.
 - iii. The ballot shall be a secret if requested by at least one of the IGS Council members.
 - iv. IGS Council members who are also Giroud Lecture nominees shall not participate in the discussions regarding their nominations.

- v. If there is a vote, only IGS Council members who are not on the ballot can participate.
 - vi. The selection process will consist of consecutive ballots until a majority is accorded to the winning candidate.
 - vii. In the event of multiple candidacies in the first round and no candidate achieving a majority of ballots cast, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the first round survive to the second round.
- k. The selected Giroud Lecturer shall be informed of the decision of the IGS Council by the IGS President.
 - l. The Giroud Lecturer must confirm in writing to the IGS President that he/she agrees to present the lecture at the forthcoming International Conference on Geosynthetics and to prepare the corresponding paper.
 - m. The Giroud Lecturer shall inform the IGS President of the title of the Lecture at least 12 months before the conference.
 - n. The Organizing Committee of the International Conference on Geosynthetics must agree to include the Giroud Lecture in the program of the opening session of the conference.
 - i. The Organizing Committee shall also agree to publish the Giroud Lecture paper at a prominent location of the proceedings of the conference, in principle at the beginning of the volumes, before the Keynote Lecture papers.
 - ii. The Organizing Committee must agree to use the same rules for the Giroud Lecture paper as for the Keynote Lecture papers (e.g. extra length).
 - iii. The Organizing Committee is encouraged to insert in the conference proceedings, before the Giroud Lecture paper, a short introduction describing the purpose of the Giroud Lecture.
 - o. There is no honorarium for presenting the Giroud Lecture. However, the Organizing Committee of the International Geosynthetics Conference shall waive the conference Registration fee.
 - p. Following the initial presentation during the International Conference on Geosynthetics, the Giroud Lecturer is expected to subsequently deliver the lecture at national events organized by the IGS Chapters. The IGS Council or Chapters shall provide logistical support to facilitate presentation of the Giroud Lecture at national events.
4. The LMNS Lecture
- a. The LMNS Lecture recognizes an individual whose work resulted in significant advances in concepts or technologies that had a significant impact on the practice of geosynthetics engineering in Europe.
 - b. The LMNS Lecture consists of a presentation (approximately one hour) delivered at the opening session of each European Conference on Geosynthetics (EuroGeo Conference series) and a written paper published in the proceedings of the conference.
 - c. There are no restrictions on the specific geosynthetics concept or technology to be covered in the LMNS Lecture. However, at least the written version of the lecture is expected to include an overview of the impact in the geosynthetics practice in the Americas of the specific concept or technology addressed in the lecture.
 - d. The criteria for selection of the LMNS Lecturer include:
 - i. having a demonstrated pursuit of excellence;
 - ii. having contributed to the development of the geosynthetics discipline at large;
 - iii. having advanced, either directly or indirectly, the appropriate use of geosynthetics in the Europe.
 - e. While the LMNS Lecturer shall be a prominent contributor to the geosynthetics discipline, he/she does not have to be a member of the IGS.

- f. A Selection Task Force shall be appointed by the IGS EAC (European Activities Committee) to identify worthy candidates and eventually select the LMNS Lecturer from among these candidates.
 - i. The presidents of IGS Chapters in the Europe shall be considered as possible members of the Selection Task Force, as well as the Chair of EAC.
 - ii. The Selection Task Force shall be composed by an odd number of members, with a minimum of 3.
 - iii. The objective of the Selection Task Force will be to solicit and facilitate nominations for the lecturer.
- g. The Selection Task Force shall encourage nominations by IGS Chapters, individual IGS members, IGS Officers, IGS Council members and IGS TCs.
 - i. The Presidents of IGS Chapters in the Europe will be particularly encouraged to provide nominations after consultation with IGS Chapter members.
 - ii. In addition, nominees can be identified by EAC Task Force members.
 - iii. All nominations will be routed to the Task Force chair and will be considered.
 - iv. If no nomination has been received, the Selection Task Force shall make at least one nomination.
 - v. The Chair of the IGS EAC should personally contact the nominees to make sure they would agree to present the LMNS Lecture and write the paper, if selected.
- h. The LMNS Lecturer shall be selected by the EAC Task Force, ideally at least 18 months before the forthcoming European Conference on Geosynthetics.
 - i. The EAC Task Force shall select the LMNS Lecturer based on the list of nominees.
 - ii. A unanimous decision shall be sought out among the EAC Task Force members. However, if there is no consensus is reached a vote shall be taken.
 - iii. The ballot shall be a secret if requested by at least one of the EAC Task Force members.
 - iv. EAC Task Force members who are also LMNS Lecture nominees shall not participate in the discussions regarding their nominations.
 - v. If there is a vote, only EAC Task Force members who are not on the ballot can participate.
 - vi. The selected LMNS Lecturer shall be informed of the decision of the Selection Task Force by the Chair of the EAC, in coordination with the IGS President.
- i. The LMNS Lecturer must confirm in writing to the Chair of the EAC and the IGS President that he/she agrees to present the lecture at the forthcoming European Conference on Geosynthetics and to prepare the corresponding paper.
- j. The LMNS Lecturer shall inform the Chair of the EAC of the title of the LMNS Lecture at least 12 months before the conference.
- k. The Organizing Committee of the European Conference on Geosynthetics must agree to include the LMNS Lecture in the program of the opening session of the conference.
 - i. The Organizing Committee shall also agree to publish the LMNS Lecture paper at a prominent location of the proceedings of the conference, in principle at the beginning of the volumes, before the Keynote Lecture papers.
 - ii. The Organizing Committee must agree to use the same rules for the LMNS Lecture paper as for the Keynote Lecture papers (e.g. extra length).
 - iii. The Organizing Committee is encouraged to insert in the conference proceedings, before the LMNS Lecture paper, a short introduction describing the purpose of the LMNS Lecture.
- l. There is no honorarium for presenting the LMNS Lecture. However, the Organizing Committee of the European Geosynthetics Conference shall waive the conference Registration fee.

- m. Following the initial presentation during the European Conference on Geosynthetics, the LMNS Lecturer is expected to subsequently deliver the lecture at national events organized by the IGS Chapters in the Europe. The IGS EAC shall provide logistical support to facilitate presentation of the LMNS Lecture at national events.

5. The Zornberg Lecture

- a. The Zornberg Lecture recognizes an individual whose work resulted in significant advances in concepts or technologies that had a significant impact on the practice of geosynthetics engineering in the Americas.
- b. The Zornberg Lecture consists of a presentation (approximately one hour) delivered at the opening session of each Pan-American Conference on Geosynthetics (GeoAmericas Conference series) and a written paper published in the proceedings of the conference.
- c. There are no restrictions on the specific geosynthetics concept or technology to be covered in the Zornberg Lecture. However, at least the written version of the lecture is expected to include an overview of the impact in the geosynthetics practice in the Americas of the specific concept or technology addressed in the lecture.
- d. The criteria for selection of the Zornberg Lecturer include:
 - i. having a demonstrated pursuit of excellence;
 - ii. having contributed to the development of the geosynthetics discipline at large;
 - iii. having advanced, either directly or indirectly, the appropriate use of geosynthetics in the Americas.
- e. While the Zornberg Lecturer shall be a prominent contributor to the geosynthetics discipline, he/she does not have to be a member of the IGS.
- f. The selection of the Zornberg Lecturer is expected to achieve a good geographical balance over time, with good representation of lecturers from North America and South America, as well as of lecturers worldwide whose work has impacted significantly the geosynthetics practice in the Americas.
- g. A Selection Task Force shall be appointed by the IGS PAAC (Pan American Activities Committee) to identify worthy candidates and eventually select the Zornberg Lecturer from among these candidates.
 - i. The presidents of IGS Chapters in the Americas shall be considered as possible members of the Selection Task Force, as well as the Chair of PAAC.
 - ii. The Selection Task Force shall be composed by an odd number of members, with a minimum of 3.
 - iii. The objective of the Selection Task Force will be to solicit and facilitate nominations for the lecturer.
 - iv. If available, Dr. Zornberg may join deliberations as a non-voting member of the Task Force.
- h. The Selection Task Force shall encourage nominations by IGS Chapters, individual IGS members, IGS Officers, IGS Council members and IGS TCs.
 - i. The Presidents of IGS Chapters in the Americas will be particularly encouraged to provide nominations after consultation with IGS Chapter members.
 - ii. In addition, nominees can be identified by PAAC Task Force members.
 - iii. All nominations will be routed to the Task Force chair and will be considered.
 - iv. If no nomination has been received, the Selection Task Force shall make at least one nomination.
 - v. The Chair of the IGS PAAC should personally contact the nominees to make sure they would agree to present the Zornberg Lecture and write the paper, if selected.
- i. The Zornberg Lecturer shall be selected by the PAAC Task Force, ideally at least 18 months before the forthcoming Pan-American Conference on Geosynthetics.

- i. The PAAC Task Force shall select the Zornberg Lecturer based on the list of nominees.
 - ii. A unanimous decision shall be sought out among the PAAC Task Force members. However, if there is no consensus is reached a vote shall be taken.
 - iii. The ballot shall be a secret if requested by at least one of the PAAC Task Force members.
 - iv. PAAC Task Force members who are also Zornberg Lecture nominees shall not participate in the discussions regarding their nominations.
 - v. If there is a vote, only PAAC Task Force members who are not on the ballot can participate.
 - vi. The selected Zornberg Lecturer shall be informed of the decision of the Selection Task Force by the Chair of the PAAC, in coordination with the IGS President.
- j. The Zornberg Lecturer must confirm in writing to the Chair of the PAAC and the IGS President that he/she agrees to present the lecture at the forthcoming Pan-American Conference on Geosynthetics and to prepare the corresponding paper.
- k. The Zornberg Lecturer shall inform the Chair of the IGS PAAC of the title of the Zornberg Lecture at least 12 months before the conference.
- l. The Organizing Committee of the Pan-American Conference on Geosynthetics must agree to include the Zornberg Lecture in the program of the opening session of the conference.
 - i. The Organizing Committee shall also agree to publish the Zornberg Lecture paper at a prominent location of the proceedings of the conference, in principle at the beginning of the volumes, before the Keynote Lecture papers.
 - ii. The Organizing Committee must agree to use the same rules for the Zornberg Lecture paper as for the Keynote Lecture papers (e.g. extra length).
 - iii. The Organizing Committee is encouraged to insert in the conference proceedings, before the Zornberg Lecture paper, a short introduction describing the purpose of the Zornberg Lecture.
- m. There is no honorarium for presenting the Zornberg Lecture. However, the Organizing Committee of the Pan-American Geosynthetics Conference shall waive the conference Registration fee.
- n. Following the initial presentation during the Pan-American Conference on Geosynthetics, the Zornberg Lecturer is expected to subsequently deliver the lecture at national events organized by the IGS Chapters in the Americas. The IGS PAAC shall provide logistical support to facilitate presentation of the Zornberg Lecture at national events.