

Eric Blond

Country of residence: Canada

I solicit the support of IGS members to serve on the IGS Council. I am already contributing to IGS initiatives in two capacities: as the chairman of the Technical Committee on Hydraulics, and as the liaison to ICID. I have previously served on the council between 2010 and 2016.

On the regional level, I am Secretary of IGS-NA, on the Organizing Committee of the IGS-NA Conference in 2024, and on the IGS-NA bidding team for hosting the 13th International Conference on Geosynthetics in Montreal in 2026.

In addition to my IGS commitments, I also support the development of the Geosynthetics Industry through International Standardization. I am currently chairman of ASTM D35.10 on geomembranes, and chairman of the Canadian Mirror Committee of ISO TC221.

I am working as an independent expert based in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. I am supporting public agencies, designers and manufacturers with design, quality, long-term performance and durability of geosynthetics as well as polymeric materials used in buildings.

My most significant previous experience was to manage SAGEOS, a Geosynthetics Testing and Research Laboratory based near Montreal. Further details on myself, and a list of my publications can be found at <u>www.ericblond.com</u> or <u>https://www.linkedin.com/in/geosynthetics-canada/</u>.