

Francisco Pizarro

Candidate Nomination for IGS Council Term 2022 to 2026



Francisco Pizarro is a Civil Engineer from Universidad de los Andes (Chile) with a master's degree (MSc) in finance from ESE Business School (Chile). Most of Mr. Pizarro's career has involved leading roles for world class geosynthetic manufacturers where he has been responsible for introduction, prescription, and commercialization of erosion control, reinforcement, and drainage products.

Mr. Pizarro is serving his second term as President of the IGS Chilean Chapter since March 2019 and was re-elected for 2021-2023. During his tenure, Mr. Pizarro and the Board have been encouraging the understanding and appropriate use of geosynthetics in Chile and the rest of Latin America with a series of short courses, workshops, and events, such as, Educate the Educators. Mr. Pizarro is also supporting creation of new IGS chapters in Bolivia and Guatemala with bylaws and company recruitment. Mr. Pizarro is also leading a series of conferences in several Civil Engineer Schools in Latin America to promote the use of geosynthetics in infrastructure projects.

Mr. Pizarro's goals if elected include: 1) creation of new chapters globally with emphasis in Latin American countries; 2) create a database of geosynthetic regulators to start Educate the Regulators globally; and 3) formalize joint ventures with Geotechnical Societies.