



Dr Katarzyna (Kasia) Zamara is a geotechnical engineer with experience working for international consultancies and contractors in Poland, UK and NZ. For the last three years, Kasia has worked on the manufacturing side of the geosynthetic industry. This sees her connecting with professionals and academics across Europe, Asia, Australasia, South Africa and North America.

Kasia has been an active member of IGS since 2009, organising IGS UK chapter seminars and later, after moving to NZ, organised the first IGS seminars in NZ in 2017 with support from the Australian Chapter of IGS. Currently, Kasia works and lives in the UK where she became a co-opted IGS Council Member in 2020. Whilst in the IGS Council, Kasia has been actively involved in numerous tasks of the Sustainability and

Communication Committees. In addition, Kasia supports the organising committee of the EuroGeo 7 Conference in Warsaw.

Her international experience has made her realise how limited the knowledge on geosynthetics is in the construction industry, and that capabilities of geosynthetics are often misunderstood or design methods misinterpreted. She has observed the gradual introduction of geosynthetic education at various courses and lectures, however, she believes further education is required to give geosynthetic products more appeal as a primary construction method.