

## Rules for the IGS Corporate Case Study Competition: 2024-2026

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### 1. Prerequisites

- 1.1. The Case Study must be submitted by a fully paid-up Corporate Member of the IGS at the time of submission.
- 1.2. Case studies will only be accepted on cases which involve geosynthetic types which are mentioned in the most recent editions of the norms ISO 10318 or ASTM D4439.
- 1.3. The Case Study may involve the application of a product or system on a project, or a trial or testing program.
- 1.4. The Case Study must have been undertaken in a location within the specified region of the International Geosynthetics Society.
- 1.5. The IGS Corporate Member submitting the Case Study can be based anywhere in the world, provided provision 1.4 is met.
- 1.6. The Case Study must have taken place, fully or partially, within the period from the date of the most recent corresponding IGS Regional Conference and the deadline for submissions.
- 1.7. The Case Study should be a factual account of the activity, containing no commercial promotion of any product or service involved. Any company, product or system names may each be referred to only once.
- 1.8. The IGS reserves the right to publish all case studies via its channels.
- 1.9. By submitting the Case Study, the Corporate Member commits, if shortlisted, to deliver a presentation on the Case Study at a special session of the specified IGS Regional Conference and at the International Conference of Geosynthetics (ICG) if selected as a finalist.
- 1.10. All submissions must be received by the IGS Secretariat by the specified deadline. No late submissions will be accepted.
- 1.11. Only one Case Study per Corporate Member will be accepted for entry.
- 1.12. The Corporate Member must be a supplier of products or services as part of the Case Study.

### 2. Rules for Content

The case study should be written as a technical article.

#### 2.1. Formatting

- Corporate Member name
- Contact name and email address

- Font: Times New Roman.
  - ✓ Title: size 18, aligned in the center of the page. Start the title word in capital letters.
  - ✓ Text: size 12 and spacing in simple lines.
- Size limited to 5 pages of A4 (including photographs and figures) and a total of 3000 words.
- Format: portrait orientation, with the body text arranged in a column, with justified paragraphs.
- Document language: English.
- File format to be submitted: PDF.
- Specific formats:
  - ✓ Title of items: the numbering of the items and sub-items must be justified to the left, on Times New Roman, size 12.
  - ✓ Titles of the first order must be capitalized.
  - ✓ Titles of second and third order should have their initial capitalized and the rest in lower case.
  - ✓ The space between the titles of first, second and third order and the text should be one line, size 12.
  - ✓ At the end of the text of each item or sub-item, if the next paragraph is another item, the spacing should be two blank lines, size 12. If the next paragraph is another sub-item, the spacing should be a blank line, size 12.
- Photos, pictures and charts
  - ✓ The photos, figures and charts should be clear and inserted in the text, next to the reference to it, and not exceeding the page margins.
  - ✓ The subtitles should be placed below the picture and figure.
  - ✓ Chart subtitles should be placed above them.
  - ✓ All photos, figures and charts should be numbered with Arabic numerals, Times New Roman, size 10.

## 2.2. Required items

- Name of the activity
- Type of activity (e.g. retaining wall, landfill, testing program)
- Place of the activity (city, state)
- Date of implementation (start and finish)
- Geosynthetics involved (names as in the nomenclature from ISO 10318: 2018 / ASTM D4439)
- Benefits and/or knowledge gained, lessons learned: technical and/or constructive and/or economic)
- Justification/evidence of any benefit claimed.

## 2.3. Desirable items viewed favourably during judging include the following. See separate documents for weighting and scoring criteria.

- Details of sustainable or environmental impact benefit
- Innovative practice or solution
- Photos and/or diagrams

### 3. Rules for the acceptance of the case study

3.1. For acceptance, the case study must contain all required items.

3.2. Each author:

- Grants non-exclusive copyright of the case study to the IGS, for publication and dissemination by any means, including by third parties. The author(s) licenses to the IGS and the Regional Conference Organising Committee the right to use, reproduce, edit and adapt the case submitted for the purposes of promotion.
- Agrees to abide by the contest rules. Confirms they are responsible, for the veracity and accuracy of the information provided, and for obtaining necessary authorizations of all third parties who, directly or indirectly, have involvement with the work and / or are believed to have the right to argue against disclosure, and is (are) responsible for all potential costs and payments resulting from any legal action.

3.3. Each case study presentation shall be submitted using the IGS Regional Conference official PowerPoint template.

### 4. Submission & Judging Procedure

- Marking criteria will be published with the call for submissions.
- The deadline for submission is as advertised.
- Submission to the IGS Secretariat via email to: [igssec@geosyntheticssociety.org](mailto:igssec@geosyntheticssociety.org)
- Selection of a shortlist of at least three Case Studies will be made by the judging panel by the advertised date.
- Shortlisted Case Studies will be presented at a special session of the specified IGS Regional Conference.
- A panel of a minimum of four independent judges will be selected by the Chair of the Corporate Committee and the IGS Officers to vote on the Case Study presentations.
- The selection of the judges should meet the diversity criteria in terms of gender, age and ethnicity. The selection of the judges should consider the range of expertise across all main geosynthetic industries. The judges may not be employees, shareholders or current contractors of the companies in question or have any conflict of interest.
- The winner(s) will be selected, and awards issued at the IGS Regional Conference closing session.
- The winner(s) will be invited to present their case studies again at a special session at the next International Geosynthetics Conference, in Montreal in 2026, where the international winner and runner up will be selected from the four IGS regions.
- The Chair of the IGS Corporate Committee will chair the judging panel unless there is a conflict of interest.
- Judges score each case study independently, without conferring with each other.
- In the event of tied scores, the Chair has the casting vote.
- The judges' decision is final.