



## EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT and CALL FOR PAPERS

### 69th Highway Geology Symposium Portland, Maine September 10-13, 2018

The 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Highway Geology Symposium (HGS) will be held **September 10-13, 2018** at the **Holiday Inn By the Bay in Portland, Maine**. There will be technical sessions along with industry sponsors and exhibitors. Mark your calendars now!

#### Event Schedule

Monday, September 10	Afternoon	TRB Mid-Year Session: <i>Geotechnical Asset Management: Implementation of Programs and Advances in Technology</i>
	Evening	Registration and Welcome Reception
Tuesday, September 11	Full Day	Technical Session
	Full Day	Guest Field Trip
Wednesday, September 12	Full Day	Field Trip
	Evening	Reception and Banquet Keynote Speaker: Tim Sample
Thursday, September 13	Morning	Technical Sessions

#### Call for Abstracts

The review team for Technical Programs invites papers on the following:

- Landslides
- Retaining structures
- Soil and rock slope design
- Geological and geotechnical innovations
- Karst terrain
- Geotechnical instrumentation
- Rockfall
- Foundations
- Geotechnical asset management
- Risk and management
- Geophysical testing methods
- Risk and Risk Management

Papers on subjects concerning highway related geological and geotechnical problems and the solutions developed to address them are also of interest. Those papers that focus on practical solutions will be given first consideration and will be considered on a first come basis. The deadline for submission of the 200-250 word abstract is **March 12, 2018**. Please check the Highway Geology Symposium website for any updates at:

<http://www.highwaygeologysymposium.org/>

### **Abstracts May be Uploaded to this Link: [HGS Abstract, Paper, and Presentation Upload](#)**

Please include the name, address, phone number, and e-mail address of all authors. Abstracts should be submitted electronically in MS word, Times New Roman, 12 point, double-spaced, and left justified. Those who submit abstracts will be notified of acceptance by **April 2, 2018**. Final papers should be 20 pages or less. An electronic copy of accepted papers must be received by **June 4, 2018**, to be included in the symposium proceedings, which will be in electronic format only.

### **Calling For Young Authors**

The Highway Geology Symposium has existed for nearly 70 years and through time has had much participation by "Young Authors". Young Authors are defined as a participant of the age of 35 years or younger in the year of the Symposium. This participation by our younger professionals has been fabulous and is a true benefit to the Symposium and the Mission of HGS. As with years past, HGS will be recognizing the top Young Author and up to the top three Young Authors with a financial reward, including cash and complimentary future registration. Excitement for the opportunity for participation by Young Authors continues to grow and we encourage you to submit your paper and to present your work at the Symposium. HGS is all about sharing our geologic technical experiences and we look forward to hearing about and learning from your experience. So check out the Young Author [guidelines](#) and [Young Author Competition Registration Form](#) on the HGS Website at: [www.highwaygeologysymposium.org](http://www.highwaygeologysymposium.org). Please include the [Young Author Competition Registration Form](#) with your abstract.

### **Hotel Reservations**

The Symposium will be held at the Holiday Inn By the Bay in Portland, Maine. The group rate is \$199.00 for a standard room (plus tax) and an additional person is \$10.00 per night. The following information has been provided by the hotel for reservations:

To make reservations please go to call 1-800-345-5050 or (207) 775-2311 and specify Highway Geology Symposium.

Check-in: 09-Sept.-2018

Check-out: 15-Sept.-2018

Hotel Name: Holiday Inn By the Bay

Hotel Address: 88 Spring Street, Portland Maine 04101

Phone Number: 207-775-2311

There are a limited number of rooms available at the prevailing government rate. Assignments will be made on a first come first serve basis and Government ID will be required. To apply for the rate please request by email to [Krystle.Pelham@dot.nh.gov](mailto:Krystle.Pelham@dot.nh.gov). *Please make reservations no later than August 9, 2018, to receive the conference rate.*

## **Portland, Maine Area**

The Greater Portland region sits in the southern section of the state on a peninsula extending into Casco Bay offering a unique visitor experience. The region offers a variety of activities from sightseeing, outdoor adventure, shopping, arts, culture, history, dining and so much more. The hotel is steps away from the Old Port waterfront. The Old Port waterfront features working fishing wharves and converted warehouses with restaurants and shops. It's known for its cobblestone streets, 19<sup>th</sup> century brick buildings and fishing piers. The hotel is located 5 miles from the Portland International Jetport with complimentary shuttle service.

## **Guest Field Trip**

Embark on a unique private trolley tour into the history of Portland. The tour includes stops at two of Maine's most famous lighthouses: Portland Head Light and Spring Point Ledge Light, as well as a guided tour of Victoria Mansion. The Portland Head Light is Maine's oldest lighthouse - and one of the most picturesque and most frequently photographed in the U.S. and has been in operation since 1791. Visit the adjacent museum, enjoy the picturesque grounds which include a beach, lawns and picnic areas and view boats entering and leaving the harbor. Spring Point Ledge Lighthouse is the only caisson-style working light station in the United States that visitors can walk to. Located on the breakwater at Southern Maine Community College in South Portland, the lighthouse has been an integral part of the history of Portland Harbor and Casco Bay since 1897. The Victoria Mansion, also known as the Morse-Libby House or Morse-Libby Mansion, is a landmark example of American residential architecture located in downtown Portland. It is the finest example of residential design from the pre-Civil War era in America. With superb architecture and well-preserved original interiors that were among the most lavish and sophisticated in their day, it is an unparalleled document of America's highest aspirations in architecture, interior design, and the decorative arts. The history, tour, and the present-day efforts at restoring the Mansion convey an impression of the significance of this unique site, which is of national and even international importance. The trip will be concluded with lunch in South Portland at the Back Bay Grill known for its local foods.

## **Symposium Organization**

The Highway Geology Symposium was organized in 1950 to foster better understanding and closer cooperation between geologists and civil engineers in the highway industry. Since 1962, the Symposium has been hosted in western and eastern states annually. The Highway Geology Symposium has no central headquarters, annual dues, or formal membership requirements. The governing body is a steering committee composed of approximately 26 engineering geologists and geotechnical engineers from state and federal agencies, universities, private-sector companies, and consulting firms throughout the United States and Canada. Information about the Highway Geology Symposium Organization may be viewed at:

<http://www.highwaygeologysymposium.org/>.

Updated information about the 69<sup>th</sup> HGS will be posted on the HGS website as it becomes available.