

Early Announcement and Call for Papers

71st Highway Geology Symposium Asheville, North Carolina September 21-23, 2020

The 71st Annual Highway Geology Symposium (HGS) will be held **September 21-23, 2020** at the **Renaissance Hotel in Asheville, North Carolina**. There will be technical sessions along with industry sponsors and exhibitors. Mark your calendars now!

Event Schedule

Sunday, September 20	Afternoon	Registration open, Exhibitor set up 12:00 to 7:00 pm
Monday, September 21	Morning	Registration open
	Morning	TRB Mid-Year Session "A review of approaches to quantify and evaluate risk and consequences" Sponsored by the Engineering Geology Committee – AFP10
	Afternoon Evening	HGS Technical Session Welcome Reception
Tuesday, September 22	Full Day	HGS Field Trip
Wednesday, September 23	Full Day	HGS Technical Session
	Morning & Afternoon	Guest Field Trip
	Evening	Reception and Banquet

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 25, 2020**.

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, highlighting the main contact. 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 15, 2020**. Final papers should be 20 pages or less. An electronic copy of accepted papers must be received by **June 17, 2020**, 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 71 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. If you are a Young Author, 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. Please include the [Young Author Competition Registration Form](#) with your abstract.

Hotel Reservations

The Symposium will be held at the Renaissance Asheville Hotel. The group rate is \$169.00 for a standard room (plus tax). There is also a \$10.00 per day parking fee. Downtown Asheville is very walkable from the hotel. The following information has been provided by the hotel for reservations:

To make reservations please go to call (828) 252-8211 or 1 800-359-7951 and specify Highway Geology Symposium.

Check-in: September 20, 2020

Check-out: September 25, 2020

Hotel Address: 31 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC, 28801

There are a limited number of rooms available at the prevailing Federal Per Diem lodging 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 jpilipchuk@ncdot.gov. *Please make reservations no later than August 28, 2020, to receive the conference rate.*

Asheville Area

Asheville is in western North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains. It's known for a vibrant arts scene and historic architecture including the dome-topped Basilica of Saint Lawrence, it's many restaurants and craft breweries, music venues and nearby wineries. The vast 19th-century Biltmore estate in south Asheville displays artwork by masters like Renoir, spectacular gardens and trails. The Downtown Art District is filled with galleries and museums, and in the nearby River Arts District, former factory buildings house artists' studios. The hotel is located 16 miles from the Asheville Regional Airport.

Guest Field Trip

The guest field trip will be to Biltmore Estate. There will be a tour George Vanderbilt's 250-room French Renaissance chateau, lunch at one of the several restaurants on the grounds, and time to visit shops and a wine tasting at the Biltmore Winery

Updated information about the 71st HGS will be posted on the HGS website as it becomes available.

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