



As of today, the 71st Highway Geology Symposium is continuing as planned, and will take place in-person May 23-25, 2022, at the Renaissance Hotel in Asheville, North Carolina. The safety and health of everyone is of paramount importance, and the Steering Committee is closely monitoring the COVID 19 pandemic. We encourage all participants to be vaccinated, if not, a negative test result within 72 hours. Please be prepared to show proof of vaccination or a negative test result upon check-in at the conference. Indoor mask requirements currently exist, regardless of vaccination status, in Buncombe County. If any changes to the symposium should occur, all participants will be notified by email, and up to date information will be posted to www.highwaygeologysymposium.org. We hope to see you in beautiful Asheville this May!

Event Schedule

Sunday, May 22	Afternoon	Registration open, Exhibitor set up 12:00 to 7:00 pm
Monday, May 23	Morning	Registration open
	Morning	TRB Mid-Year Session
	Afternoon	HGS Technical Session
	Evening	Welcome Reception
Tuesday, May 24	Full Day	HGS Field Trip
Wednesday, May 25	Full Day	HGS Technical Session
	Morning & Early 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*
- *Foundations*
- *Rockfall*
- *Geotechnical instrumentation*
- *Geotechnical asset management*
- *Risk and Risk Management*
- *Geophysical testing methods*
- *Resiliency of Geotechnical Assets*

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 **January 3, 2022**.

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 **January 20, 2022**. Final papers should be 20 pages or less. An electronic copy of accepted papers must be received by **March 14, 2022**, to be included in the symposium proceedings, which will be in electronic format only.

Calling for Young Authors

The Highway Geology Symposium has existed since 1950, 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 \$189.00 for a standard room (plus tax). There is also a \$10.00 per day parking fee. To make reservations please call Marriott reservations at 1 (800) 468-3571 and specify Highway Geology Symposium or at the following link: [Book your group rate for Highway Geology Symposium](#). If you wish to arrive early or stay after the event, you must call the hotel at (828) 210-3006 to extend your reservations through the Memorial Day weekend.

Check-in: May 22, 2022

Check-out: May 26, 2022

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

*Please make reservations no later than **Friday, April 29, 2022**, to receive the conference rate.* 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.

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 in downtown Asheville, and 16 miles from the Asheville Regional Airport.

Guest Field Trip

The guest field trip will be to Biltmore Estate. There will be a tour of 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/>.