



HGS Announcement and Call for Papers

72nd Highway Geology Symposium Tacoma, Washington August 14-17, 2023

Event Schedule

Monday, August 14	7:30 to 5:00 pm	Registration Open and Exhibitor Setup
	1:00 - 5:00 pm	TRB Mid-Year Session
	5:00 – 6:30 pm	HGS National Steering Committee Meeting
	6:00 – 8:00 pm	Icebreaker Reception
Tuesday, August 15	Full Day	Opening Remarks and HGS Technical Sessions
	½ Day	Tentative Guest Field Trip America’s Car Museum
	Evening	Tentative Puget Sound Cruise
Wednesday, August 16	Full Day	HGS Field Trip to Mount Rainer
Thursday, August 17	Full Day	HGS Technical Sessions
	½ Day	Lunch and Guest Field Trip to the Museum of Glass
	5:30 – 6:30 pm Evening	Reception and Student Poster Session Reception and Banquet

Call for Abstracts

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

- *Landslides and rockfall*
- *Karst terrain*
- *Geotechnical asset management*
- *Retaining structures*
- *Foundations*
- *Risk and risk management*
- *Soil and rock slope design*
- *Post wildfire debris flows*
- *Geophysical testing methods*
- *Geological and geotechnical innovations*
- *Geotechnical instrumentation*
- *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. The deadline for submission of the 200–250-word abstract is **April 3, 2023**.

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

Please include the name, address, phone number, and e-mail addresses 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 23, 2023**. Final papers should be 20 pages or less. An electronic copy of accepted papers must be received for peer review by **June 30, 2023, with the final version of the paper due by July 31**, to be included in the symposium proceedings.

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.

Calling for a Student Poster Session

The Highway Geology Symposium will be hosting a student poster session on Thursday August 17 before our annual banquet. We encourage students to present their poster on one of the topics above, or on a related thesis topic. We will be recognizing top poster presenter(s) with a financial reward at our banquet.

Hotel Reservations

The Symposium will be held at the Hotel Murano in Tacoma Washington. The group rate is the government per diem rate (GSA) of \$126.00 for a standard room (plus tax). There is also a reduced daily parking fee. To make reservations please call the Hotel Murano at **253-238-8000** and specify Highway Geology Symposium or at the following link: [Book your group rate for Highway Geology Symposium](#).

Check-in: August 13, 2023

Check-out: August 19, 2023

Hotel Address: 1320 Broadway Plaza, Tacoma, WA, 98402

*Please make reservations no later than **Monday, July 24, 2023**, to receive the conference rate.*

Tacoma Area

Tacoma is in western Washington about 30 minutes south of Seattle. It is a port city with many restaurants, museums, universities, and craft breweries. Tacoma can be reached by airport shuttles, Amtrack, SoundTransit trains, Uber, Lyft, and by car.

Guest Field Trips

The guest field trips will be to the LeMay America’s Car Museum ([America's Car Museum](#)) on August 15 and the Museum of Glass ([Museum of Glass](#)) on August 17. There will an opportunity to participate in a workshop where you can create, blow, and sculpt your own piece of glass art, as well as tour the museum. Lunch will be at one of the several near-by restaurants during these guest field trips.

Updated information about the 72nd HGS will be posted on the HGS website as it becomes available. <http://www.highwaygeologysymposium.org/>.