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## Message from the President

Dear Members of ISSMGE, Dear Colleagues,

The last time I wrote directly to you in these columns about some of the activities of the ISSMGE was in June 2014.

Many things have progressed since and you may be aware of some of them through your Member Society and/or through the activity of Technical Committees (TCs) to which you belong.

The Board of ISSMGE met in Goiânia in September 2014, hosted by the Brazilian Geotechnical Society (ABMS) and in Wellington in February 2015, hosted by the New Zealand Geotechnical Society (NZGS), on the occasion of the 12<sup>th</sup> Australia and New Zealand Conference on Geomechanics. The 6 Board Level Committees (BLCs), AWAC, CAPG, IDC, PIC, TOC and YMPG, have also held a number of meetings, usually by teleconferences. The Chairs of the 6 BLCs were present or represented at our Board meetings.

2015 is an important year. It is the mid-term for the President and also for the ISSMGE cycle! Indeed, we shall have this year the 5 Regional Conferences on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering, midway between the International Conferences of Paris (2013) and Seoul (2017).

It is also the year where we have our mid-term ISSMGE Council meeting at which the 89 Member Societies will meet together! It will be held in Edinburgh on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2015, hosted by the British Geotechnical Association, on the occasion of the European Regional Conference.