

# UPDATE

# ICSMGE 2022 now in “hybrid mode”

The Local Organising Committee (LOC) for the 20th International Conference on Soil Mechanics (ICSMGE) wishes to advise some important Conference changes. These changes, made in response to the global Covid-19 situation, were agreed after discussion and with the approval of the ICSMGE Board. We would like to thank the Board Members for their wisdom and understanding in these difficult circumstances.

**The 20th ICSMGE will be held in Sydney from 1st to 5th of May 2022**



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## FAQs

### **Will you be able to travel to Sydney in May 2022?**

We certainly hope so and expect so! At the time of writing (September 2021), the Australian Government is exercising strict control of our borders, because of the global Covid-19 situation. However, Australia is determined to open its borders as soon as possible, once vaccination levels within the Australian community reach target levels. Current projections are that these targets should be reached by the end of 2021.

### **Will the cost for virtual registration be less than for in-person attendance?**

If you can't make it to Sydney, reduced registration fees will apply for the virtual delivery mode. These are still being finalised, but they will be set at 75% of the in-person attendance registration fee.

### **If Covid-19 circumstances change, will I be able to change my registration?**

Yes, you will also be able to change your registration type up to 1 April 2022, so don't worry if circumstances change.

### **How can I keep updated on the rules for travel into Australia?**

At this stage, the regulations for travellers entering Australia in May next year are not defined by the Australian Government. For those delegates considering international travel to Australia, it is recommended to review the Australian Government website - COVID-19 and the border ([homeaffairs.gov.au](http://homeaffairs.gov.au)) for the latest advice. We are monitoring the situation closely and will provide updates via the ICSMGE website and other communications. Register with the 20th ICSMGE for updates: <https://icsmge2022.org/>.

### **What are the dates for Conference registration?**

Registrations Open 1 December 2021

Early Bird Registration Closes 1 March 2022

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- Technical sessions and other Conference activities will be delivered on-site in Sydney on the scheduled dates and we will also deliver most sessions virtually. Conference delegates will be able to register to attend either in-person on-site, or virtually via the Conference registration portal.
- The hybrid model ensures that all authors of accepted papers will have the opportunity to present, even if they are not able to travel to Sydney. Furthermore, for the very first time in the 85 years history of ICSMGE, all 21,000 individual members will have the opportunity to access the huge range of technical content presented on-line at ICSMGE 2022 - a remarkable opportunity for individuals to be part of this premier event!
- At the same time as ensuring accessibility to the Conference for a global audience on-line, we are planning an exciting in-person program for those who will travel to Sydney. If you can make it in-person, you will participate in the virtual sessions alongside colleagues around the world AND have access to additional technical sessions, site visits, exhibitions and social functions dedicated to the in-person registrants. A range of exciting events is planned, extending Australian hospitality and making this a memorable event for all involved.

**Salutation:** ICSMGE 2022, Sydney, offers delegates a once in a lifetime trip Down Under to discover why there's nothing and nowhere quite like Australia. We are looking forward to welcoming our international colleagues in our beautiful city! We are delighted to have the opportunity to connect with many more members of the geotechnical community on-line, taking advantage of the new style of virtual Conference. Whichever option you choose, there will be a huge range of technical content, presentations by eminent geotechnical engineers, interaction with members of our professional network and delights of Australia for you to enjoy.  
**See you in Sydney in May 2022!**