

Special Plenary Session for Powerful,  
Informative Talks (PITs)

# Call for Nominations and Expressions of Interest

The Technical Program Committee (TPC) of the 20th International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ICSMGE) 2021 is calling expressions of interest from geotechnical professionals around the world to present Powerful, Informative Talks at a special session during the Conference.

**This is a unique and exciting opportunity for geotechnical professionals at all stages of their career, in all walks of geotechnical engineering, academia, manufacturing, construction and practice to have their message heard at a globally prestigious platform in front of a global audience attending the ICSMGE in Sydney, Australia.**

A PIT is described as a short, carefully prepared talk (12 min max) with the objective to leave the audience thinking about a topic and ideas to move forward. The topic can be technical or non-technical but related to the geotechnical engineering profession (geo-topics that have defined, currently define or will define our profession). The talks are intended to be brief but memorable. It doesn't have to be new content, but a topic presented in an original and powerful way (inform, inspire, surprise and delight). Ideally, the talk should contain a message (question, prediction, reflection) that will cause the audience to discuss, collaborate and enrich the profession globally through further developments around that topic.

## Key Dates:

- **Submissions Due: Friday 5 November 2021**
- Review Period / Shortlist by TPC Selection Panel: **Friday 26 November 2021**
- Public Voting: **Friday 3 December to Sunday 16 January 2022.**
- Notifications of the finalists selected by the TPC Selection Panel: **End January 2022**



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## Nomination process:

- This call is open to all individual members of the ISSMGE and representatives from ISSMGE Corporate Associates.
- Interested individuals should **submit a short pitch video** (max 3 minutes) in English outlining their proposed PIT via the Conference Website; it is therefore important that submitted pitches have all necessary clearances of confidentiality, commercial interests and other matters for public viewing and it is the sole responsibility of the individuals concerned to ensure that this is the case.
- Pitch video content assessed by the TPC Selection Panel to deviate from the intent of the PIT (such as inclusion of commercial agenda, political/religious agendas or bad science etc) will not be further considered.
- A shortlist of these pitch videos will be selected by the TPC Selection Panel for publishing on the Conference website for viewing and voting by the geotechnical community to increase popular interest in the PITs.
- The finalists will be selected by the TPC Selection Panel, and the decisions by the TPC Selection Panel is final; Note Popular voting will be only used as a guide by the TPC Selection Panel, and the final decision on the finalists will be made the TPC Selection Committee.

# Presenter Information / How to Record your Submission

This is a guide on some basic principles to achieve the best framing and lighting for your pitch video.

We ask that you please read through this guide and adhere to the filming requirements in as many ways as possible, so that all the videos created will have the same and uniform high-quality look to them.

**In short; we want you to be able to present your ideas in the best way possible!**

## Decide how you want to record your pitch:

- We suggest using Zoom with video and pitch tools. Using Zoom will allow you to the option to share your screen and sound, play videos and show PowerPoints etc.
- **Smart phones** also have the capability of high-level recording. Please ensure you are filming in landscape mode (holding the phone horizontally) rather than portrait mode (holding the phone vertically).



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## Prepare to record your pitch:

- **Use headphones with a microphone attachment or ensure your webcam sound is clear** – it is imperative that the audio of your pitch is clear and sufficiently loud. Please use a pair of headphones that also have a microphone attachment to plug into your laptop.

## Specific requirements for pre-recorded videos:

- The preferred video format is MP4
- Please ensure the lighting is appropriate so you as the presenter can be seen.
- Please ensure the audio is adequate so your pitch can be heard.

## Submitting your pre-recorded pitch

### Sign up for a Dropbox account:

- Once you have completed your pitch video please upload your file to Dropbox. This will allow our team to have access to download the file easily.
- Instructions on how to create an account on Dropbox can be found on [dropbox.com](https://dropbox.com).
- Once you create an account, you can upload files to your Dropbox account. Copy the URL ready to upload in the PIT Pitch Portal.

**Access the PIT Pitch Portal here**

[CLICK HERE](#)

### Enquiries:

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