

Dear colleagues,

I was elected to serve as the new president of the Egyptian Geotechnical Society (EGS) since June, 2014 for 2 years. EGS, since its establishment in 1993, defined its objectives toward the development of the geotechnical community either in the research or the industry. Throughout the past years, a peer-reviewed geotechnical journal, local and regional conferences and workshops as well as technical supports to graduate students were the main activities of EGS.

During our term, we shall not only continue the activities of EGS as started, but also other objectives shall be pursued including ensuring dynamic and effective communications between the members of the community through a new web site and an electronic journal. Respecting the diversity of the disciplines that contribute in the geotechnical industry, the membership rules of EGS were updated to open the door for joining other colleagues from different disciplines that are geotechnical-related. As such, EGS board has agreed to open the door for all community members to pursue their geotechnical activities and ideas of development toward the society through EGS support.

Finally, I take this chance to thank all our colleagues for their trust in our board and invite all members to be active in their contribution toward the local society as well as the Egyptian contribution in the ISSMFE.

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