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Keynetix are experts in Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Data Management. Our solutions cover every stage of the Geotechnical data journey from planning, through site work and reporting to 3D Modelling, BIM and National Archives. Being experts at every stage of your site investigation process enables Keynetix to advise you on the best solution to meet all your needs and gives you a single supplier to ensure that all your systems work together smoothly.
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Association of Geotechnical & Geoenvironmental Specialists



AGS GEOTECHNICAL DATA CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Best Practice, Challenges and Future Opportunities



WEDNESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2017
NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE MUSEUM, COVENTRY RD,
BICKENHILL, SOLIHULL, B92 0EJ

For over 25 years, AGS Data Transfer Format has allowed for the seamless sharing of data between different software within the geotechnical and geoenvironmental industry. It has become the industry standard and today is used worldwide.

This conference will examine the growing role of data management within digital engineering and Building Information Modelling, whilst looking at examples of best practice from ground investigation specialists, designers and constructors.

Divided into four chaired sessions, the conference will also focus on recent technological advances, collaborative working practices, trends and potentially disruptive

changes, helping to paint a picture of what the industry's future may look like.

Established in 1988, the Association of Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Specialists represents over 130 leading companies specialising in site investigation, geotechnics, geoenvironmental engineering, engineering geology, geochemistry, hydrogeology, and other related disciplines.

Working to improve the profile and quality of geotechnical and geoenvironmental engineering, the AGS works closely with its members to establish standards and provide guidance and publications to improve safety, promote quality professional practice and encourage quality management systems across the industry.



PROGRAMME

8:45 REGISTRATION

9:30 INTRODUCTION

Jackie Bland, AGS Data Management Leader and IT Manager at Geotechnics and Roger Chandler, Managing Director at Keynetix

10:00 CLIENT VIEW

Chaired by Christopher Power, Principal Engineering Geologist at Mott MacDonald

10:55 REFRESHMENT BREAK

11:25 INTERNATIONAL

Chaired by David Entwisle, Senior Geologist at British Geological Survey

12:20 LUNCH

13:20 CASE STUDIES

Chaired by David Farmer, Geotechnical Engineer at Arup

15:00 REFRESHMENT BREAK

15:30 DIGITAL ENGINEERING AND BUILDING INFORMATION MODELLING

Chaired by Simon Miles, Principal Geotechnical Engineer at Atkins

16:25 CLOSING SUMMARY

Neil Chadwick, Associate, Geotechnics at Arup

17:00 ENDS



CLIENT VIEW

Christopher Power, Mott MacDonald

Chris Power is a Principal Engineering Geologist, with a PhD in rock mechanics and nearly 20 years of experience working for Mott MacDonald. Chris has been a member of the AGS Data Management working group for over a decade and was involved in the development of AGS version 4. Chris now specialises in Geotechnical Asset Management. This session presents a client view on the management and use of data.

Papers covered in this session will include:

!!! **Improving Geotechnical Information – Results from an HE Study**

Tony Daley (Amageo)

!!! **Experiences in adopting AGS and Future Requirements**

Roselyn Carroll (NGI)

!!! **Geotechnical Data Management for Thames Tideway**

Shawn Sismondi (Ferrovia Agroman Laing O'Rourke JV)



INTERNATIONAL

David Entwisle, British Geological Survey

David Entwisle (CGeol, FGS) is a senior engineering geologist working at the British Geological Survey. Having worked for BGS for over 34 years, David has a wide range of experience from laboratory soil and rock mechanics, the effects of mineralogy and structure on the behaviour of clays and mudstones to more general engineering geology. This includes the BGS Engineering Geology report series, national engineering

characteristics information sets, natural geological hazards, methods of presenting geotechnical data and engineering geological information and 3D geological modelling including Crossrail Farringdon Station. He is the consultant on the BGS National Geotechnical Properties Database and is on a number of national committees.

This session demonstrates the adoption and use of AGS digital data transfer format overseas.

Papers covered in this session will include:

!!! **Out of Adversity Can Come Good Things or A Tale of Two Corollaries**

Rodney Hutchison (KGA)

!!! **Very Large Data Sets – Challenges, Insights and Opportunities**

Rory McCully (Arup)



CASE STUDIES

David Farmer, Arup

David Farmer is an engineer working in the Arup ground engineering team based in the midlands campus office. He started at Arup as a technical apprentice studying on a part-time basis, achieving MEng in Civil Engineering. David is experienced in producing 3D ground models through the use of CAD, GIS and geotechnical database software, and is currently developing his geotechnical design experience. The AGS data transfer format is something that has always been available in his workflows, and as a newcomer to the data format committee he's keen to keep the format maintained and looks forward to future developments.

This session showcases examples of best practice within the industry.

Papers covered in this session will include:

!!! **Consultancy Led Ground Investigation Contracting on Large Infrastructure Projects**

Russell Jordan (RPS)

!!! **Transpennine Route Upgrade – Value Engineering through Geotechnical Data Management**

Callum Irving and Paul Chaplin (TSP and Central Alliance)

!!! **Moorside Site**

Characterisation Project

Matt Waddicor (NuGen)

!!! **Reducing the Amount of Non-Digital Data Recording/Collection/Scheduling**

Craig Perry (Atkins)

!!! **Information Modelling Workflows for Using Geotechnical Data in Civil Engineering**

Ian Joyce (Bentley)

!!! **Digital Data Journey Refinement**

Rae Watney (WSP)



DIGITAL ENGINEERING AND BUILDING INFORMATION MODELLING

Simon Miles, Atkins

Simon is a Chartered Civil Engineer and a member of the AGS Working Group on the Electronic Transfer of Data, and a member of BSI Committee B/526/03/03 Management of Geotechnical Data. He is also a UK Registered Ground Engineering Adviser. Simon has been championing the use of geotechnical digital data since he graduated and is now a recognised authority on the subject. He has led the adoption of



a standard suite of geotechnical data management software throughout Atkins, which greatly smoothed the integration of geotechnics into the wider world of BIM. He has latterly been involved with the recently completed BIM for the Subsurface research project for Innovate UK.

This session highlights future needs and trends within the industry with an emphasis on data management.

Papers covered in this session will include:

!!! **BuildingSMART and the Future Role of Geotechnical Data in the BIM process**

Nicholas Nisbet (AEC3)

!!! **Outcomes from the BIM for the Subsurface**

Gary Morin (Keynetix)

!!! **National Geoscience Data Centre: Building an Open National AGS Data Store**

Garry Baker (BGS)

Abstracts for the papers are available for view on www.ags.org.uk

With special thanks to Jackie Bland, Roger Chandler and Neil Chadwick

