Welcome to the third newsletter of the Piling 2020 Conference.

The Piling 2020 Conference Organising Committee

Guidance for Paper Submission now available

All authors who have had an abstract accepted have been invited to submit a paper. Authors will have received an email from the conference administrator InConference Limited. This contains a link to the paper submission portal.

Any authors experiencing problems with paper submission should contact the conference administrators by email at Piling2020@in-conference.org.uk

The full instructions for submitting a paper are available on the conference website via this link https://www.piling2020.org/paper-submission

- Papers are to be submitted via the submission portal in email sent to the authors.
- The deadline for submission of papers is 1 December 2019.
- Authors will be notified of paper acceptance or rejection, together with any required revisions, by March 2020.
- At least one author from each accepted final paper must register for the conference prior to publication.
- The paper must be prepared using the Piling 2020 MS word template or the example paper, which can be downloaded from the conference website.
- Papers are limited to 6 pages of text and figures. It is important that the authors follow the instructions and fit within the 6 page limit. Papers which do not meet these requirements will be rejected.
- The conference ethics and malpractice policy can be viewed https://www.piling2020.org/uploads/piling_2020/files/Piling_2020_Ethics_Statement_V1.pdf Authors must prepare papers in accordance with this policy, and papers will be reviewed in accordance with this policy.

Piling 2020 papers to be indexed on SCOPUS

All papers that are finally accepted for the Piling 2020 conference will be included in the proceedings, which will be produced both in hard copy and electronic format.

All papers in the Piling 2020 Conference Proceedings will receive an individual DOI and will be indexed on Elsevier’s Scopus, the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature.
The Conference

The British Geotechnical Association (BGA) with support from the Federation of Piling Specialists (FPS) will be hosting a major international conference on Piling in Durham on 15 and 16 September 2020. This follows on from the highly successful Chalk 2018 conference organised by the BGA and is the second of a series of biennial conferences that the BGA intend to organize.

There has not been a conference related specifically to piling for a number of years but recently there have been many technical developments in the field related to offshore and onshore projects namely the development of offshore wind farms and major infrastructure projects.

With the amount of work currently underway, it is appropriate to focus on this topic and to bring together the knowledge and experience gained in recent years. We are looking to obtain input from researchers and practitioners with the aim of sharing their experiences to develop new and novel solutions.

In addition to conference papers (which will be published in formal proceedings), there will be a series of authoritative keynote lectures on important aspects of Piling. There will also be a conference dinner in the conference programme.

Sponsorship and exhibition opportunities will be available, please contact us at conference@piling2020.org

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Conference website: www.piling2020.org