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Welcome to the fifth newsletter of the Piling 2020 Conference.

2020 has been a very challenging year for all of us, but we are determined to deliver the content of the Piling 2020 conference in the best way possible in current conditions. The dates of the on-line conference sessions are announced below, and further details will be announced in the new year.

The Piling 2020 Conference Organising Committee

Piling 2020 Conference confirmed as an on-line event in March 2021

Because of the ongoing problems associated with the Covid pandemic, we are unable to meet and discuss ideas face to face and have direct access to exhibitors; however we are still aiming to provide an interesting and stimulating event on-line.

The conference will now be held over four mornings between Tuesday 23rd March and Friday 26th March 2021. There will be opportunities for all those who have prepared papers to make presentations. Details (timings, format etc.) will be sent to authors early in the New Year.

We want to make this a good experience both for presenters and attendees. Speakers will have an opportunity to meet the hosts and check that presentations are compatible with the platform that we are using. This gives the hosts the ability to understand the Speaker's requirements and for the speakers to address any issues with their presentations. All speakers will be advised separately of when the practice sessions will take place. However, only those who participate in these practice sessions will be able to present at the Conference.

Registration for the conference will open in January 2021. Details of registration and delegate fees will be posted on the Piling 2020 website. All delegates will receive PDF versions of the conference papers. We currently anticipate that the proceedings will be published in early March 2021.

Keynotes

Details of keynote lectures can be found here <https://www.piling2020.org/keynote-speakers>

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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. 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.

Sponsorship and exhibition opportunities are still available, please contact us at debbie@joocemarketing.co.uk

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Conference website: www.piling2020.org