

THE GIROUD LECTURE RULES

Purpose of the Lecture

The Giroud lecture was established by the IGS Council in 1994 in recognition of the invaluable contributions of Dr. J.P. Giroud to the technical advancement of the geosynthetics discipline and his central role in the development of the IGS.

The Lecture

The Giroud Lecture consists of a lecture (approximately one hour) presented at the opening session of each International Conference on Geosynthetics and a written paper published in the proceedings of the conference. Also, a plaque shall be given to the Giroud Lecturer.

Criteria for Selection of the Giroud Lecturer

The Giroud Lecturer shall be a prominent member of the geosynthetics discipline or related disciplines. The Giroud Lecturer does not have to be a member of the IGS.

There is no restriction regarding the selection of the Giroud Lecturer. For example, the Giroud Lecturer may be an IGS Officer (including the President), an IGS Council Member, or a Member of the IGS Awards Committee (including the Chairman).

Nominations

At least 24 months before the forthcoming International Conference on Geosynthetics, the IGS Secretary shall contact the IGS Past Presidents, the IGS Officers and Council Members to solicit nominations. Unsolicited nominations received from other IGS Members will also be considered. The IGS Officers will review the nominations received and may make additional nominations. If no nomination has been received, the IGS Officers shall make at least one nomination. If there is more than one nomination, the IGS Officers may rank the nominations before presenting them to the IGS Council. In any case, the IGS President should personally contact the nominees to make sure they would agree to present the Giroud Lecture and write the paper.

Selection of the Giroud Lecturer

The Giroud Lecturer is selected by the IGS Council, at least 20 months before the forthcoming International Conference on Geosynthetics. The IGS Council selects the Giroud Lecturer based on a list of nominees presented by the IGS Officers, and, possibly, additional nominees presented by Council Members during the Council

meeting. If there is no consensus on the selection of the Giroud Lecturer, a vote shall be taken between all or some of the nominees. There shall be a secret ballot if requested by at least one of the Officers or Council Members participating in the vote. IGS Officers or Council Members who are also Giroud Lecture nominees shall not participate in the discussion. If there is a vote, only IGS Officers and Council Members who are not on the ballot can participate in the vote. The selected Giroud Lecturer shall be informed by the IGS President.

The Giroud Lecturer

The Giroud Lecturer must confirm in writing to the IGS Secretary that he/she agrees to present the lecture orally at the forthcoming International Conference on Geosynthetics and to prepare a paper delivered in time to be published in the proceedings of the conference. The Giroud Lecturer shall inform the IGS Secretary and the Organizing Committee of the International Conference on Geosynthetics of the title of the Giroud Lecture at least 16 months before the conference.

Conference Organization

The Organizing Committee of the International Conference on Geosynthetics must agree to include the Giroud Lecture in the program of the opening session of the conference and to publish the Giroud Lecture paper at a prominent location of the proceedings of the conference, in principle at the beginning of the volumes, before the Keynote Lecture papers. The Organizing Committee of the International Conference on Geosynthetics must agree to use for the Giroud Lecture paper the same rules as for the Keynote Lecture papers (e.g. extra length). The Organizing Committee of the International Conference on Geosynthetics is encouraged to insert in the conference proceedings, before the Giroud Lecture paper, a short introduction describing the purpose of the Giroud Lecture (as in the proceedings of the 6th International Conference on Geosynthetics, Atlanta, 1998).

Expenses

There is no honorarium for presenting the Giroud Lecture. However, the Organizing Committee of International Conference on Geosynthetics shall cover the Registration fee and the IGS may agree to reimburse some of the travel expenses of the Giroud Lecturer.

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