

**UNITED STATES UNIVERSITY COUNCIL ON
GEOTECHNICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH**

**USUCGER Workshop on
VISION in GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING
AND FOSTERING COLABORATION WITH PUIs
With the support of the National Science Foundation**

**Atlanta, GA, October 1-3, 2003
Omni Hotel at CNN Center**

Preliminary Program

Wednesday 1 Oct 2003:

6:00 – 10:00 PM Registration and reception (cash bar)

Thursday 2 Oct 2003:

8:00 – 8:30 AM Plenary Session: "Thoughts on USUCGER" (Jean-Louis Briaud)

8:30 – 10:00 AM Plenary Session chaired by Jean-Louis Briaud: "What Geotechnical Research is Needed?" (Invited Speakers: Chris Reseigh; Carlos Santamarina; Ed Kavazanjian)

10:00 – 10:30 AM Break

10:30 – 12:00 PM Four Breakout Discussion Groups on Research Vision including kick-off presentations (conveners: Susan Burns, Sarah Gassman, Barabara Luke, Carlos Santamarina,). Topics to be decided by vote of the membership during early registration (suggested topics: Energy Related Geotechnical Engineering, Natural Hazards Mitigation, Soil Improvement, Geoenvironmental, Earthquake Engineering, Urban Infrastructure Geotechnics, Foundations, Site Characterization and Geophysical Methods, Geosynthetics, Slopes and Walls, Unsaturated Soils, Bio-Geotechnics, Experimental Simulations, Numerical Simulations, Application of Inverse Problem Solving, Geotechnical Engineering Needs for Developing Nations and in View of Population Growth)

12:00 – 1:30 PM	Lunch (Invited Speaker: Wayne Clough ?)
1:30 – 3:00 PM	Plenary Session chaired by Deborah Goodings: Breakout Group Summaries and Discussion
3:00-3:30 PM	Break
3:30 – 5:00 PM	Two Breakout Sessions chaired by Susan Burns and Sarah Gassman: University Presentations on their Research (5-min/university)
5:00-6:30 PM	Reception (Graduate Student Posters Invited; contact Deborah Goodings for details)
6:30-9:30 PM	Education Committee Meeting (David Elton) Research Committee Meeting (Carlos Santamarina)

Friday 3 Oct 2003:

8:00 – 8:30 AM	USUCGER Business Meeting chaired by Jean-Louis Briaud Agenda: Awards (Jean-Louis Briaud), Finances (Barbara Luke), Web Site (Susan Burns), Education Committee (Dave Elton), Research Committee (Carlos Santamarina), Future Meetings (All).
8:30 – 10:00 AM	Plenary Session chaired by Dave Elton: “Funding Geotechnical Research” (Invited Speakers: Rick Fragaszy, Ken Stokoe, Rita Leahy)
10:00 – 10:30 AM	Break
10:30 – 12:00 PM	Four Breakout Discussion Groups on Education and Academic Success (including cooperation with PUIs) including kick-off presentations. (conveners: Susan Burns, Dave Elton, Sarah Gassman, Barabara Luke). Topics to be decided by vote of the membership during early registration (Suggested topics: Cooperation with PUIs, Graduate student recruiting, Navigating graduate school, Cultivating graduate student success, Research collaboration, Finding funding, Navigating tenure and promotion, Beyond research and teaching, Undergraduate geotechnical curriculum, Graduate geotechnical curriculum, Service learning)
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3:30 – 5:00 PM	Two Break out Sessions chaired by Barbara Luke and Deborah Goodings: University Presentations on their Research (5-min/university)
5:00 – 5:30 PM	Closure (Jean-Louis Briaud)
5 :30 – 10 :00 PM	Tour of Georgia Tech Facilities and Social Gathering (Organized by the Geo-Systems Faculty at Georgia Tech)

Saturday 4 Oct 2003:

8 :00 – 12:00 Noon	USUCGER Board Meeting
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