

## Swiss Geotechnical Association - Profile

The Swiss Geotechnical Association (GS) was established in September 1955 as the Swiss Society for Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering, as per article 60 of the Swiss Civil Code.

Our goal is to promote knowledge and findings in the field of geotechnics in Switzerland, encompassing soil and rock mechanics, engineering geology, foundation engineering, as well as the support of further applications in the construction industry.

GS currently consists of approximately 300 individual members and 90 collective members who work for various federal offices, public administrations, higher education institutions, engineering firms and construction companies. Our executive committee comprises of seven to nine members who carry out various business tasks and represent the association in dealings with third parties. The annual general assembly takes place in spring.

## Meetings and Activities

We organise annual conferences in spring and autumn, which last one or two days and include presentations, discussions, excursions and demonstrations. Conference presentations are published in booklets and distributed to all association members and meeting participants. The presentations are available on our website two years after publication.

GS can designate committees for the formulation of guidelines and handling of specific issues. Financial support may be provided in a broader sense for research work or the publication of said research.

Our association maintains regular contact with foreign professional organizations and experts and represents national interests in the following international societies: "International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering" and "International Society for Rock Mechanics", both of which GS is a member of. In Switzerland we support the organization of international congresses in the above-mentioned fields.

Regular communication with members takes place via our website or mailings. The GS "Agenda" also provides information about national and international technical meetings and events.

## Membership

We offer the following membership categories:

- a) **Individual member:** Graduates of universities, technical universities, and technical specialists with an equivalent education, who are active in the fields of geotechnical engineering, soil and rock mechanics, foundation engineering, underground construction and engineering geology.
- b) **Junior member:** Persons fulfilling the requirements of a) who have not yet reached 30 years of age.
- c) **Collective member:** Laboratories, administrations, societies, university institutes, contractors, associations and federations. A collective member must be represented by a person who fulfills the requirements of a).

## Membership Fees

**GS annual membership fees are as follows:**

Individual Members CHF 120  
Collective Members CHF 400  
Junior Members CHF 80

Please visit our website for further information and registration forms in German or French.

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