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Ref: Hutchinson Lecture

Dear colleagues,

the Joint Technical Committee no 1 (JTC1) "Natural slopes and landslides" set up by the three sister geoengineering societies (the ISSMGE, the ISRM and the IAEG) decided to promote a periodical international lecture dedicated to the late John Neville Hutchinson.

The Hutchinson Lecture was established to award a researcher, aged 42 or less at the time of the Lecture, who has strongly contributed through his/her research and other work to the development of knowledge in the fields of slope stability and/or landslides. The Hutchinson Lecture, which will be delivered at a JTC1 Workshop, will focus on research undertaken by the Lecturer, consistent with the topic of the workshop.

The Hutchinson Lecturer, who will normally have a disciplinary background from one or more of the domains of Soil Mechanics, Rock Mechanics and Engineering Geology, will be appointed by vote of the members of the JTC1 Committee, based upon candidates proposed by national ISSMGE, ISRM and IAEG societies.

The next JTC1 workshop will take place in Seoul, in fall, 2014, focusing on rainfall-induced landslides.

The topic weather and landslides should be the subject of the Lecture too. The JTC1 established to provide the Lecturer with the costs of both trip and registration to the workshop.

The aim of this message is to circulate the information and encourage the national ISSMGE, ISRM and IAEG societies to submit candidates's names for the 1st Hutchinson Lecture. All proposals should be sent to the Chairman of the JTC1, prof. Luciano Picarelli (<u>luciano.picarelli@unina2.it</u>) by the end of May, 2013.

Best regards

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