

Letter from IAEG President



As president of the International Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment (IAEG), I am delighted to support the publication of the new international geo-engineering journal, *Soils and Rocks*.

The subject matter of the journal is inter-disciplinary. As all good geo-engineering must start with geology, and the journal encompasses both soils and rocks, it will necessarily be relevant to the entire geo-engineering community. The publication of a journal such as *Soils and Rocks* at this time also coincides with developing trends within the international geo-engineering community for increased collaboration between the geo-engineering disciplines, a trend which I am also committed to supporting. The international nature of this journal is also particularly relevant, as geo-political boundaries are increasingly broken down and the interchange of knowledge around the globe accelerates.

The journal *Soils and Rocks* represents the long held dream of the Brazilian and Portuguese geotechnical communities and they are to be congratulated on making their dream become a reality. Of course there is more to a journal than pages and papers, a journal is a forum in which ideas and knowledge can be documented, exchanged and ultimately preserved for access by future knowledge seekers. Most importantly, it is an opportunity for individuals to connect and communicate with each other across the globe.

There is absolutely no doubt that there will be an ever increasing demand for geo-engineering knowledge over the next decades. This demand will be created by society's voracious appetite for resources and infrastructure, and by the need for ongoing environmental protection. If we are to meet this demand then journals such as *Soils and Rocks* will be needed.

I wish you every success in this new venture and look forward to reading what will undoubtedly be a series of prestigious interdisciplinary geo-engineering papers.

With my best regards

Fred Baynes
President IAEG