# Geotechnica 2018

THE UK'S LARGEST GEOTECHNICAL CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION

# EVENT REVIEW

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## INTRODUCTION

Now widely acknowledged as one of the most important events in any geotechnical company's diary, the 11th and 12th of July saw the return of the UK's largest geotechnical conference and exhibition - Geotechnica 2018.

Making it's tenth consecutive appearance on geotechnical calendars, Geotechnica 2018 returned to the Warwickshire Event Centre and opened it's doors to visitors, exhibitors and conference speakers from all across the geotechnical industry and it's associated sectors.

With participation from some of the industry's biggest suppliers such as Archway Engineering, Mincon and Dando; laboratories such as DETS and ALS; specialist contractors such as BAM Ritchies and Van Elle; and speakers from some of the UK's biggest Clients and Consultants such as HS2 Ltd and ARUP, it was little wonder that feedback from 2018's event has been so positive. The full statistics from this year's Geotechnica can be found within this Event Review, as well as a full breakdown of speakers and their presentation topics.

We would also like to extend a great deal of gratitude to our fantastic event sponsors - Gold Sponsors: Casagrande UK; Silver Sponsors: Aquaread, CompAir, Robertson Geologging and Tutex; as well as Bronze Sponsors: Borehole Solutions, Drillwell, Flythru, Ibbotson Drilling Services and Geoterra. All of your efforts in promoting the event to as broad audience as possible is greatly appreciated and we look forward to collaborating and working with you in the future.

We are proud of the successful delivery of Geotechnica 2018 and, alongside our sponsors, partners, exhibitors and speakers, we would like to thank all attendees to the event and look forward to welcoming you back to Geotechnica in 2019.

Calum Spires
Head Organiser
Geotechnica 2018





# THE EXHIBITION

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# STATISTICS

TOTAL: 842 REGISTERED ATTENDEES

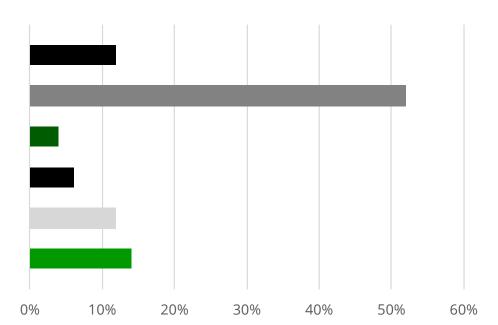
CONFERENCE SPEAKERS 62
EXHIBITING
COMPANIES

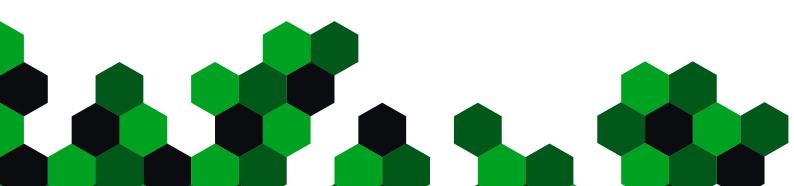
376
COMPANIES
REPRESENTED

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### SECTORS REPRESENTED

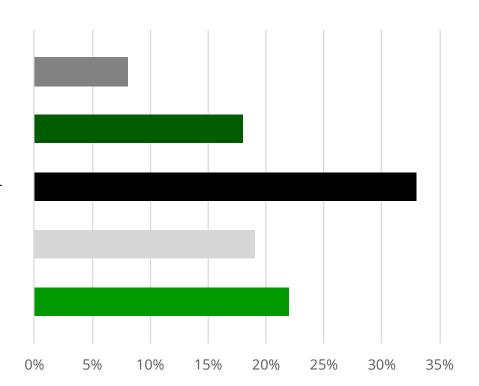
- Other (incl. Piling, UXO, Water, Media, IT & Health and Safety)
- Geotechnical
- Geophysical
- Environmental
- Drilling
- Civil Engineering



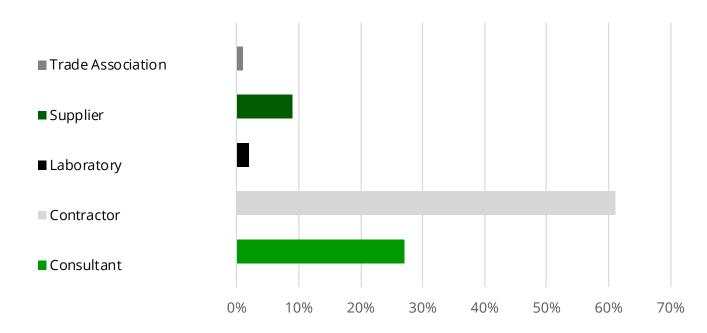


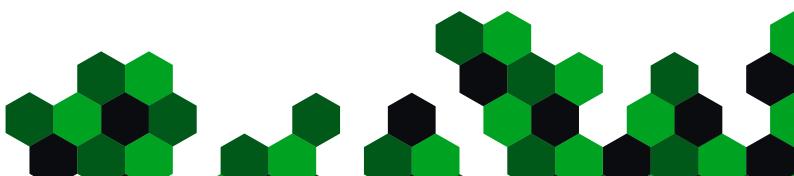
## ATTENDEE SENIORITY

- Managing Director / Owner / Chair
- Director / Head / Partner / Associate
- Manager / Executive / Supervisor
- Engineer / Driller / On-site
- Other



### **GEOTECHNICAL COMPANY TYPES**





### **KEY ATTENDEES**

#### **GEOTECHNICAL CONTRACTORS**

- ADP GROUP
- APPLED GEOLOGY
- BACHY SOLTANCHE
- BAM RITCHIES
- BRIDGEWAY
  - CONSULTING
    DELTA SIMONS
- FUGRO GEOSERVICES
- GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING
- GEOTECHNICS
- SOCOTEC
- SOIL ENGINEERING
- STRATA GEOTECHNICS
- STRUCTURAL SOILS
  - TOPDRILL

#### DRILLING SUPPLIERS

- ARCHWAY
- BERRETTA
- CASAGRANDE UK
- COMACCHIO
- COMPAIR
- DANDO DRILLING INTERNATIONAL
- DRILLWELL
- FRASTE

- IBBOTSON DRILLING
- SERVICES
- IKS BOYLES
- MASSENZA
- ROBIT
- ROCKBIT
- SOILMEC
- TECOP S.A,
- TEREDO SRL

#### **GEO / ENVIRO CONSULTANTS**

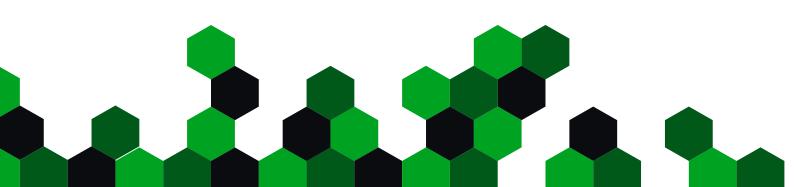
- AECOM
- ARCADIS UK
- ARUP
- ATKINS
- BALFOUR BEATTY
- BUROHAPPOLD
- CAPITA
- CROSSFIELD CONSULTING

- HYDROCK
- IAN FARMER ASSOC.
- JNP GROUP
- LQM
- PETER BRETT ASSOC.
- RPS
- SOIL CONSULTANTS
- TERRACONSULT
- WARDELL ARMSTRONG

#### **OTHER INFLUENCERS**

- AARSLEFF GROUND
  - **ENGINEERING**
- HS2KELLER
- BRUNEL UNIVERSITY
- KIER
- COLCRETE EURODRILL
  - NETWORK RAIL
- GERMAN WATER & ENERGY GROUP
- TARMACUNITED UTILITIES
- HIGHWAYS ENGLAND
- VOLKER RAIL





## THE CONFERENCE

An exciting lineup of seven top-tier speakers from high profile industry leaders presented at Geotechnica 2018's conference. This year, our conference format was focussed on two key themes: Large, upcoming infrastructure projects in the UK; and Geotechnical Leaders of Tomorrow. Each of the three conference sessions opened with insightful, educational keynotes discussing the UK's current and still-to-come large scale infrastructure projects. Following this, Geotechnica 2018 provided a platform for some of the industry's most talented young engineers to discuss their vision for the future of the UK geotechnical sector. These presentations discussed some of the key areas of development the ground investigation community should be focussed on going forward.

The PDF handout versions of these presentations will shortly be made available for public consumption on the Geotechnica 2018 website.



Nick Sartain Head of Geotechnics, HS2 Ltd

## **Presentation Title:**HS2 Ground Investigations: Review of progress and look to the future



Engineering Geologist,
Loughborough University &
iSMART Project
Presentation Title:
iSMART Project: Understanding
Earthwork Material across UK
Highways



**Presentation Title:**Geotechnics of major

infrastructure - a practitioner's

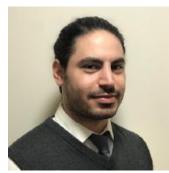
**Associate Director,** 

view



Gemma Sheils Geotechnical Engineer, Buro Happold

**Presentation Title:**Foundation Resuse:
Hidden Potential and New Approaches



Giannis Kallika Geotechnical Engineer Aecom

**Presentation Title:**The 21st Century
Geotechnical Engineer



Francesc Mirada Geotechnical Engineer, Arup

Presentation Title:
Paradigm Shift:
Digital Revolution and
Geotechnical Asset
Management



Ben Gilson
Senior Geotechnical
Engineer,
Arup
Presentation Title:
Understanding the
ground: from empiricism

and learning by failure to artificial intelligence.

## THE FEEDBACK

"Had a great day out at Geotechnica 2018! A very worthwhile event for Ruddlesden Geotechnical Ltd, including lots of networking and knowledge sharing! We will be back again next year!"

Charles Rapifay, Geo-Environmental Engineer, Ruddlesden Geotechnical Ltd

"Good set up and nice to catch up with all who I deal with through the year."

**Gary Coster, Drilling Unit Manager, Delta Simons** 



"Good reaction to the dinner and the football clashing, shows an event management team that understands."

Robert Fisher, Sales Lead UK, Minova Ltd

"Had a great time at Geotechnica 2018. Very interesting presentations and it was really good to meet so many friendly and experienced people from right across the industry."

Peter Sayce, Engineering Geologist, Wardell Armstrong LLP

"A great show, organised really well."

Hayley Maher, Customer Relationship Manager, Keynetix Ltd



## THE FEEDBACK

"Every year we learn new ideas and are able to promote these within our business. I always attend the exhibition and will remain to do so every year."

Paul Platt, Director, Geo-Ventures (UK) Ltd

"It was great to be able to speak and meet with a wide range of companies and contractor's, including seeing those that I work with on a regular basis through to new ones."

**Gareth Usher, Engineering Geologist, Wardell Armstrong LLP** 



"A great couple days catching up with colleagues, connections and customers."

Matt Ewing, Business Development Manager, BAM Ritchies

"Had a great day exhibiting at Geotechnica 2018. Definitely worth the trip to Leamington Spa!"

Sophie Booth, Scientific Sales Support Specialist, Concept Life Sciences

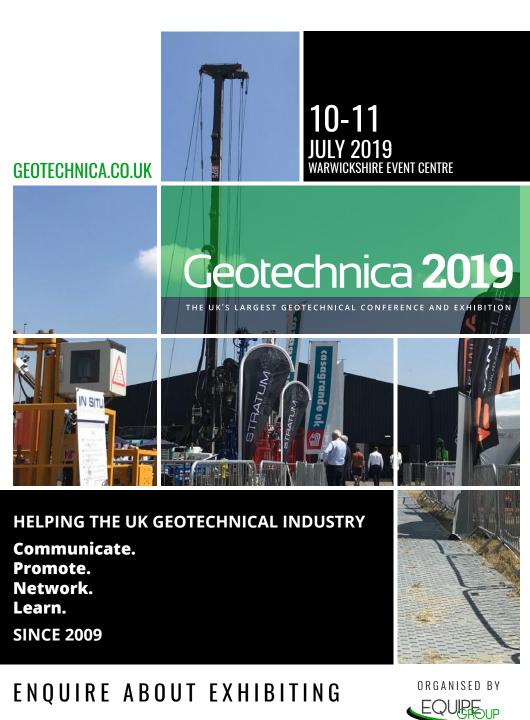


## THE FUTURE

From 2019 onwards, Geotechncia will be shifting to a biennial model, meaning that whilst there will be a Geotechnica in 2019, there will not be a Geotechnica in 2020.

We base our event scheduling decisions solely on feedback from our sponsors, exhibitors and visitors. This year's feedback indicated that the majority would be in favour of switching to a biennial model, however if the demand returned for a yearly event, we would of course explore that avenue.

So, if you don't want to miss out on exhibiting at the UK's largest dedicated geotechnical conference and exhibition in 2019 - get in touch now!



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