

Minutes of 48th ISSMGE TC304 Meeting (online)

Date: 19/01/2026

Time: 16:00 – 17:30 CET

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1. Announcements

TC304 held an Interactive Technical Talk with ISSMGE president Marc Ballouz in September 2025. Michael Hicks, Zi-Jun Cao and Suzanne Lacasse participated on behalf of TC304. The talk can be viewed at: [26. Engineering Practice of Risk Assessment and Management \(TC304\) | ISSMGE](#)

2. The minutes from the 47th TC304 meeting were approved

3. Michael Hicks gave an update on planning for the upcoming TC304 International Workshop on Geotechnical Risk and Uncertainty (IWGRU 2026): 6-8 June 2026, Tongji University, Shanghai: [International Workshop on Geotechnical Risk and Uncertainty](#)

- 48 extended abstracts received so far across 9 sessions.
- There are 4 scheduled keynote lectures: Hongwei Huang, Tongji University; Raymond Cheung, HKSAR; Jinsong Huang, University of Newcastle; and Iason Papaioannou, National Technical University of Athens.
- We are considering the possibility of having an associated special issue in a leading journal.
- Final deadline for extended abstracts will be 31st January 2026.

4. Michael Hicks gave an update on the TC304 working group on “Homogenization of ground properties”

- A meeting was held in early January: the intention is to analyze a series of case studies.
- Jianye Ching is currently working on the case study template and then we will be looking for participants to run individual case studies.

5. Online forums: Please send suggestions to Cormac Reale (cr760@bath.ac.uk)

- a) Michael Hicks thanked Iason Papaioannou on the successful organisation and delivery of the 6th TC304 Forum on “Bayesian Methods in Geotechnical Risk Assessment”.

Forum recording available at: https://tum-conf.zoom-x.de/rec/share/tsfHU9kyhClgvfyiqVtBc2MP5aR3588qUjVch0yO-eiKWQ0-j0Ojh25kbb_gkRzX.WYmxPcvV3MKfgggw?startTime=1765962277000

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- b) Dr. Meng Lu and Dr Dongming Zhang from Tongji University have expressed interest in organising the next two forums; topics and dates tbd.

6. TC304 Website Hosting: Update

Prof Xin Liu from Wuhan University has kindly redesigned the TC304 website and has moved the site to a new hosting location. The new website can be accessed at [ISSMGE TC304](#).

7. TC304 Record of Activity

Please send a list of your activities for 2025 to Cormac Reale (cr760@bath.ac.uk)

8. Any Other Business

9. Next Meeting

This will take place at both IWGRU 2026 (Shanghai) & ICSMGE 2026 (dates/times to be confirmed).

Group Photo

