

Editorial

“And once the storm is over, you won't remember how you made it through, how you managed to survive. You won't even be sure, whether the storm is really over. But one thing is certain. When you come out of the storm, you won't be the same person who walked in”.

- Haruki Murakami

These are the testing times for all of us. Covid-19 has stormed the world, stirring the governments all over and overshadowing all previous records of human casualties. Lock down has changed our professional and personal outlook. “*Work from Home*” has become a way of life for many, people are meeting through virtual conferencing, training is being given through webinars, e-filing systems has taken over the conventional office culture as various social distancing measures are being adopted by corporate, the world over. Overall, the pandemic has changed our life styles and we have adapted ourselves to the new normal. Nowadays, with restrictions in commuting, the professional dependence towards online resource has soared many folds. ISEG has taken a prudent decision three years back itself for digitizing all its publications. The journal and newsletter are now available in electronic form at our website www.joegindia.com. The archival section of the ISEG journal website is day by day getting enriched with back volumes of the journals. Facility of uploading articles and technical papers for publishing in the journal and newsletter is already available for authors on the above website. In the coming days, we shall further strengthen our websites for more useful applications.

Amid all these transformations, it gives me immense pleasure in bringing out Volume XLIII of the Journal of Engineering Geology. In this issue, papers from EGCON-2018, held at Hyderabad, India during 3rd to 5th December 2018 are published. This fulfills the long standing demand of esteemed authors, senior life members of the Society. The same has also been agreed by the Council. It took over a year in completing all the processes due to transforming from manual publishing to electronic mode and in the process, the volume got delayed. But members will understand that adapting to new system initially takes time. But now we're very confident and conversant with the new system and I assure you that all forth coming volumes shall be published without being delayed.

In this volume of the journal, 16 technical papers are selected which were presented at EGCON-2018 in Section A. These have been updated/reviewed according to procedure outlined for publication in the Journal of Engineering Geology. The papers which could not be published in this issue shall appear in the next volume of the journal. In section B, one other research paper received from an author has been published after being reviewed by our peers.

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This Volume XLIII, Nos. 1 & 2 will be extremely useful for readers as it contains interesting information and data on variety of topics concerning engineering geology. I believe the readers will be highly benefited by the papers published in this volume.

Stay Safe, Stay Healthy!

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With regards,

Rahul Khanna
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