

Profile of the Swiss Society for Soil and Rock Mechanics

The Swiss Society for Soil and Rock Mechanics (SSSRM) constitutes an association as defined by Art. 60 of the Swiss Civil Code. The SSSRM was founded in September 1955 under the name Swiss Society for Soil mechanics and Foundation Engineering.

The society aims to promote knowledge in the fields of soil mechanics, foundation engineering, rock mechanics, underground constructions and engineering geology as well as their application to the construction industry.

At the present time, the society is made up of approximately 500 individual members and 100 collective members, which represent federal offices, public administrations, university institutes, engineering firms and construction contractors. The annual general meeting takes place in the Spring. The current administrative tasks of the society are carried out by an executive committee which is made up of 7 – 9 members.

Meetings and international contacts

Each year, two meetings take place, one in the Spring and one in the Autumn. These one or two day meetings offer presentations, discussions, demonstrations and technical visits. Written versions of the presentations are published and received by all society members and participants of the meeting.

The society may designate committees for the handling of special questions and the preparation of recommendations as well as award funds for research contracts or the publication of research reports or other technical articles.

The society fosters regular contacts with foreign technical organisations and experts and represents national interests in the following international societies: International Society for Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering and International Society for Rock Mechanics, of which the SSSRM is a member. The society also assists in the organisation of international congresses in the fields of soil and rock mechanics and foundation engineering in Switzerland.

Through its bulletins and agendas, which the society sends out to its members several times a year, the members are informed about national and international technical meetings, events, etc.

Membership

The society is made up of the following member categories:

- a) **Individual member:** Graduates of universities, technical universities and technical specialists with an equivalent education which are active in the fields of soil and rock mechanics, foundation engineering, underground constructions and engineering geology or general geotechnical engineering.
- b) **Junior members:** persons fulfilling the requirements of a), who have not yet reached 30 years of age.
- c) **Collective members:** Laboratories, administrations, societies, university institutes, contractors, associations and federations. A collective member must be represented by a person who fulfils the requirements of a).

Yearly subscription

The yearly subscription of an individual member is 70.- CHF, for junior members 40.- CHF and for collective members 260.- CHF. There is no entrance fee.

Registration forms and any further information concerning the society are available from the secretariat.

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