



IGS Foundation

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



Message From Our Chairman

Dear Sponsors, Supporters and Friends,

Let me begin the 5th Annual Report of the IGS Foundation with the following reminders:

Mission Reminder: Inspire our industry and the construction industry by funding IGS initiatives that ignite enthusiasm and understanding of geosynthetics.

Reminder of the Vision: We believe in a future where... Geosynthetics is the preferred solution for construction engineers needing sustainable materials.

2024 Highlights

The Board of Trustees held 11 meetings during the year 2024

- In May 2024, the members of the Board of Trustees, together with Mr. Sam Allen the President of the IGS, met in Delft, NL for a strategic reflection on the future of the IGS Foundation where we redefined our:

Vision

- We believe in a future where... Geosynthetics is the preferred solution for construction engineers needing sustainable materials.

Mission

- Our task is to... Inspire our industry and the construction industry by funding IGS initiatives that ignite enthusiasm and understanding of geosynthetics.

Our Purpose

- Why do we exist... We enable greater IGS impact though funding

A Message From Our Donators

- Igniting our future... By donating to the IGSF you are helping to ignite the future of geosynthetics



““ The Foundation is only as impactful as the projects it supports so if you have an initiative that could be assisted by funding, please get in touch!

We look forward to another year supporting exciting initiatives and advancing the understanding of geosynthetics in 2025 and beyond. ”

A Message for IGS Foundation Beneficiaries

- Unlocking your potential... By requesting funding from the IGSF you are unlocking your potential in the geosynthetics industry.

A Message for IGS corporate members

- Fostering our future... By donating to the IGSF you are helping to foster the future of geosynthetics.

A Message for everyone

- Empowering IGS impact through funding of IGS education initiatives... We empower its impact

Projects that the IGS Foundation has supported in 2024:

- Educate the Educators event in Brazil
- Financial support to editors and authors of the upcoming IGS Handbook
- Student scholarships to GeoAmericas 2024
- Diversity lecture at GeoAmericas 2024
- Student scholarships for Hochschule Karlsruhe for project visits and job shadowing
- NGO International Sustainability Symposium
- Educate the Educators event in Australia
- Job shadowing for students in Brazil
- Educate the Educators event in Greece
- Student scholarships for China Technical Association on Geosynthetics conference
- Student scholarships for the GIGAS South African Young professionals conference

- ▶ Kent Von Maubeuge leaves the Board of Trustees after 2 years of good service. I would like to thank Mr. Von Maubeuge for his significant contribution to the development of the IGS Foundation. It was a great pleasure for me and for all the members of the Board of Trustees to have worked with this exceptional man of great rigor and discipline. Thanks Kent, we will miss you...

- ▶ The Board of Trustees, in 2025, welcomes our new trustee, Yuli Doukala-Rigby from UK. The arrival of Mrs. Doukala-Rigby will bring diversity to the group and allow for more enriching discussions for the benefit of the IGS Foundation and its stakeholders.

- ▶ As the IGS Foundation enters its sixth year of activity, I would like to thank the Board of Trustees for their remarkable work, the officers and members of the IGS Council for their trust and support, our beneficiaries for their contribution to our industry as well as to all our generous existing and new donors who understood the essence and importance of their contribution. Without their support, none of this work would be possible.

All together for a better world

Jacques Côté, Chairman

International Geosynthetics Society Foundation



Our Year In Numbers



Boyd Ramsey
Secretary/Treasurer

The IGS Foundation continued progress in 2024 with several notable items. This included repeat donations from several of the Foundation's Founding Donors and new donors from France, China, India, Australia, the USA, continuing to expand the scope of participants from new global geosynthetic markets.

The Foundations accounts continue to support the resources needed for geosynthetic advancement and educational and market growth. Disbursements exceeded income in 2024 but a small reserve remains, however the Foundation needs additional donations to continue to survive. We welcome new donors as listed on following pages and offer special thanks to FR Liners and FC Geosynthetics for their annual donations in each year of the Foundation's existence.

In addition to the annual summary listed on this page, I would like to offer a brief summary of the activities over the 5 years of the Foundation's activity. The Foundation has supported 7 Educate the Educator events facilitating over 300 professors to teach geosynthetics in their respective engineering communities. 240 or more students have been able to attend geosynthetic technical conferences, 90 or more have used job shadowing programs and other project/site visits to learn the capabilities of geosynthetic materials. 20 or more hours of geosynthetic knowledge has been digitized for web use including the Educate the Educator lecture, and multiple lectures on transportation, containment, hydraulic and sustainability topics and additional contributions to diversity, creation of a new IGS Handbook and other initiatives to expand geosynthetics use. The Foundation has improved and expanded the IGS's mission and activity and deserves your support.

Boyd Ramsey

2024
total income + interest
\$51,917

Accounting
and banking
expenses:
\$1,205

Disbursements:
\$69,450

Operational
expenses:
(promotional items,
website creation):
\$14,537

Our Aims

Our industry is an incredible success story and set for phenomenal growth. The geosynthetics market was valued at \$15billion¹ alone in 2020, and is projected to be worth \$27 billion by 2027².

OUR MISSION:

To **support education initiatives** able to provide an **understanding**, and **promote** the appropriate use, of **geosynthetic technology** throughout the world thus permitting a reduction of our carbon footprint for the **benefit of humanity**

Rising demand in construction and infrastructure projects as well as environmental protection needs have contributed to increased interest. Growing recognition of the positive impact of geosynthetics on sustainable development is also hugely significant.

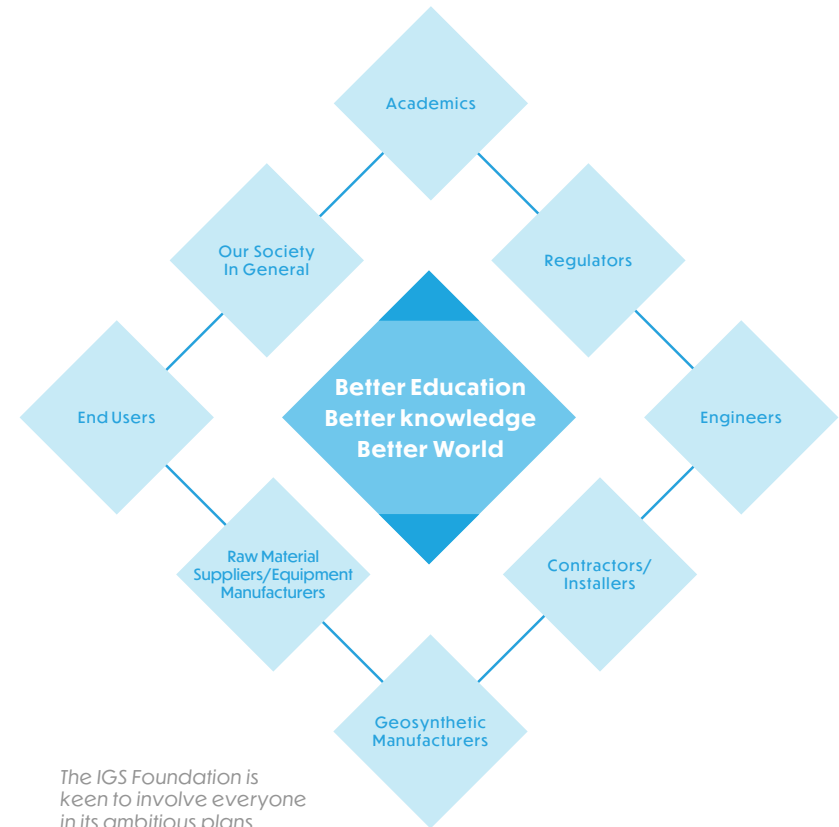
It is important therefore to ensure geosynthetics' applications and capabilities are clearly understood, materials are being used in the best way, and young engineers understand the full possibilities, potential and power of geosynthetics.

Doing this needs support and funding, and that's where the IGS Foundation comes in.

We want to:

- Add impact to IGS initiatives through **education**, **student support**, **market expansion** and **research and development** via...
- **Better education** leading to **better knowledge** leading to a **better world**

We continue our ambitious plan to attract backing from various sources including regulators, end-users and wider society but we are delighted to have started our journey with you, the dedicated members of our industry.



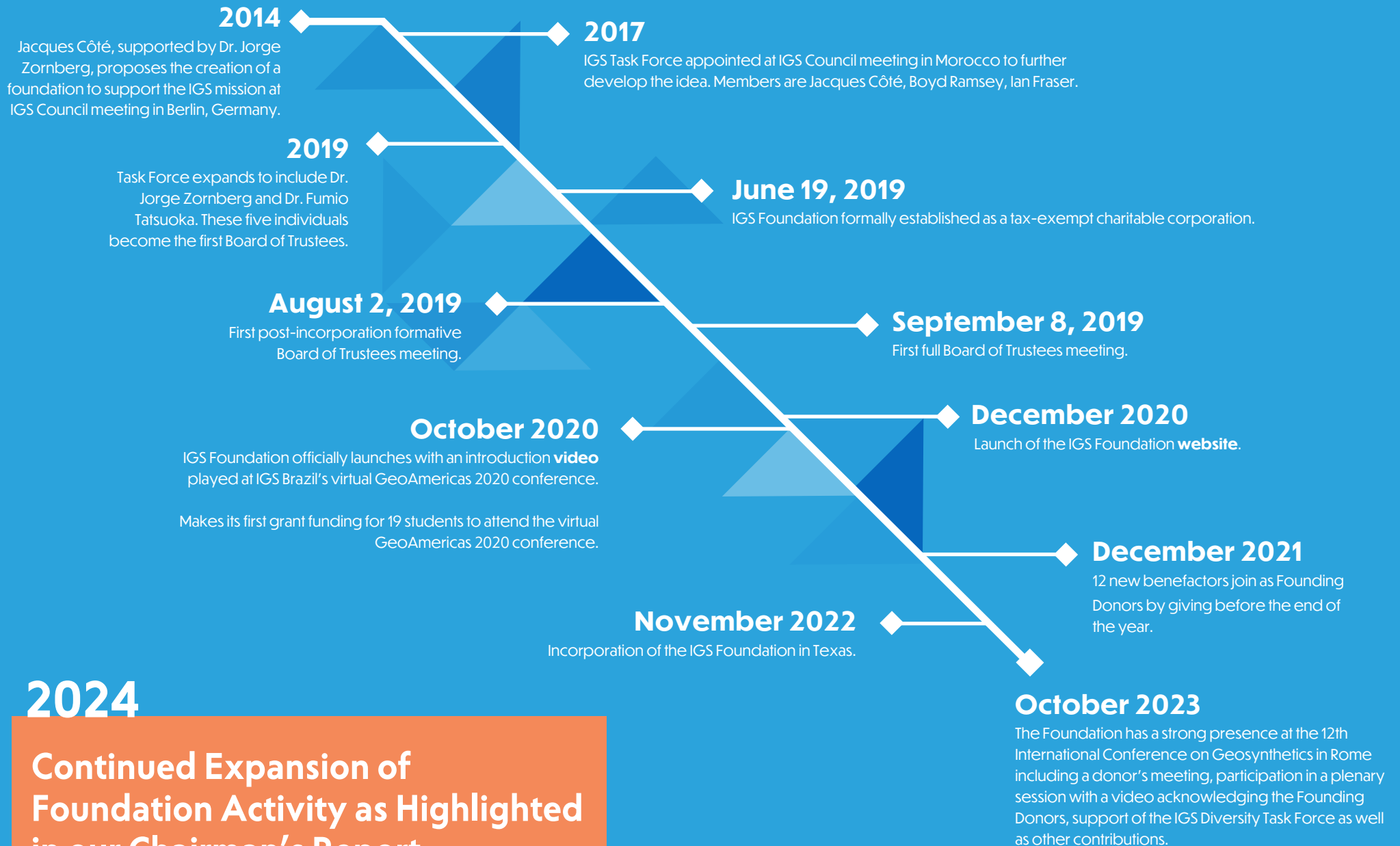
The IGS Foundation is keen to involve everyone in its ambitious plans

Sources

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If you share our aims, please consider **giving back** to the industry in the most impactful way you can, by **donating to the IGS Foundation**.

Our Journey So Far




Meet Our Founding Donors

Our 30 Founding Donors have helped us establish a strong foundation to continue our vital work. We welcome any donation but also offer exclusive benefits based on level of contribution.















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" We thank Founding Donors Solmax, TRI Environmental, FR Liners, Demtech and FC Geosynthetics for contributing funds in each year of the Foundation's existence."

Ask us about our sponsorship packages and benefits, or read [here](#) for more details.

" Solmax supports the Foundation's efforts to push geosynthetics usage globally."

Repeat Platinum donor Jean-Louis Vangeluwe
Solmax

" Organizations such as the IGSF play a vital role in helping to bring greater visibility of the technical, environmental and cost-benefits for a variety of applications that will help the industry realize the potential market."

Gold donor Mike Ayers
Watershed Geo

" We hope our contribution will help the IGSF to continue its excellent efforts to expand the awareness and understanding of geosynthetics and get more confidence in sustaining its activities long term."

Silver donor Anant Kanoi
TechFab India

" The IGSF mission is essential and we're proud to support the IGSF financially and with the efforts from our company for a more sustainable world."

Bronze donor Kent von Maubeuge
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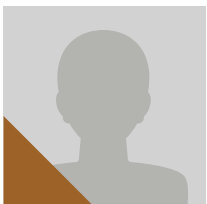
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"Donors are the lifeblood of the Foundation. We have been fortunate to be supported by individuals and companies who have benefited from and are invested in the geosynthetics industry. Geosynthetics help to create a more sustainable planet, protect human health and safety and are a critical part of humankind's progress. Our donors and other industry participants should be proud of their contributions."

Boyd Ramsey

Our People

Board of Trustees 2024



Jacques Côté
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Kent von Maubeuge
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Anant Kanoi



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"The Board of Trustees is selected annually by the IGS Council"



Our Vision For 2025 And Beyond

We will continue to build on the achievements with goals for 2025 to include:

Securing at least **\$500,000** in donations

Developing education **initiatives** and **opportunities**

Supporting the IGS **Job Shadowing, Handbook** and **diversity initiatives**

Creating **new educational materials**

Supporting the IGS as the Sustainability Committee begins a **publicity campaign** on the vast benefits of geosynthetics in **building sustainable infrastructure**

Providing **student support** for conference participation

Our ambitious program continues. Be part of our journey to greater geosynthetics knowledge and adoption.

Join Us!

**Giving is easy. Simply contact
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**Boyd will also be happy to help
facilitate your donation and
answer any additional questions.**

**Keep updated with our news
and announcements by visiting
the IGS Foundation website:**

www.TheIGSFoundation.com

**We look forward to
hearing from you!**

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