

Educate the Educators minimum event requirements

This document explains the minimum requirements for the content of an IGS Educate the Educators event.

The goal of the Educate the Educator program, as indicated on the IGS website is stated as:

The main goal of this program is to make sure that every student graduating from an undergraduate engineering program receives some basic exposure to geosynthetics. One way to carry out this action is to supply educators with the necessary knowledge and tools to help them integrate geosynthetic topics into their engineering curricula. ETE workshops provide attending professors with a host of resources to support this mission. Further information is available here: https://www.geosyntheticssociety.org/educate-the-educators-program/

To that end, the requirements of hosting an Educate the Educator (EtE) program and required content are as follows:

1 and 2. The program will include the standardized 50-minute lecture "Geosynthetics Types & Functions" and the supporting lecture /workshop "Educate the Educators 50 minute undergraduate class workshop". The former is the actual lecture IGS is asking the professors to give to their undergraduate students, the latter is a supporting lecture on how to teach the content.

3. These two lectures should be presented by an individual who is selected/approved by IGS and has previous participation experience in the EtE programs.

4. The audience for these lectures should primarily be composed of university professors and instructors and those individuals who have the ability to place this content within the college/university/institute curriculum. The attendees should not be charged to attend.

5. The IGS chapter must be the primary organizing body and exercise control over the attendees, venue and content and have financial responsibility for the event.

6. The IGS chapter is responsible for preparing a report, with photos, suitable for publication in the IGS News/website within 30 days of the conclusion of the event. The report should be sent to the IGS secretariat.

It is strongly recommended that the following criteria also apply:

7. Other geosynthetic presentations and topics should be presented. The IGS is happy to supply and pay for speakers to address other related topics that are pertinent to the area/region. The IGS will fund these speakers and approve the content.

8. The chapters may add additional presentations and topics of their choosing and at their expense. These presentations and speakers should be appropriate, non-commercial and support the education theme(s). The IGS will approve all speakers.

9. Obviously commercial content is not allowed in these programs. Commercial sponsorship of the event is allowed. It has been common for sponsor case histories to be permitted, but a clear separation between the education content and any possible commercial content should be maintained.

10. All other IGS event guidelines should be followed.