**African ISSMGE Bright Spark Lecture award**

**Application Form**

The International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE) is the pre-eminent professional body representing the interests and activities of Engineers, Academics and Contractors all over the world that actively participate in geotechnical engineering. As such, we rely on the young generation to continue our practice, contribute to the society, and to move our industry forward. The Young Member Presidential Group (YMPG) and ISSMGE would like to invite African member national societies to nominate their most promising young geotechnical engineers as candidates to speak at a special lecture session at the next XVII African Regional Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering Cape Town, South Africa ( <https://www.arc2019.org/>). A maximum of Two young engineers will be chosen, from the continent. They will have the opportunity to present their work as the recipient of the ISSMGE Bright Spark Lecture award.

The awardees will be invited to give a 20 - 30 minute presentation at the conference and write a plenary paper. The Bright Spark award will go to the young geotechnical engineer that exemplifies mature research or practice and epitomizes what the ISSMGE is looking for in engineers of tomorrow.

Basic requirements are as follows:

* Age 36 or under on the last day of the conference
* Deadline of 30 November 2018 for nominations
* Limit of 3 nominees per member national society
* Both English and French papers and lectures will be welcome

Completed nomination forms should be submitted to ympg.issmge@gmail.com.

**Section 1: Personal Details**

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| **First Name:** | **Surname/Family Name:** | |
| **Age (as of 31 Dec 2019):** | **Contact Email:** | |
| **Nationality:** | **Country of Residence:** | **ISSMGE Member Society:** |
| **Occupation:** | **Organisation:** | **Position:** |

**Section 2: Motivations / Personal Statement (200 words)**

Describe what your contributions to geotechnical engineering thus far and how this award and lecture will help you meet your future goals.

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**Section 3: Technical Abstract (200 words)**

Abstract of your topic and its geotechnical importance to the Americas.

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**Section 4: Supporting Documents:**

1. At least one, and no more than three, letters of support from members of your national member society explaining the excellence of the candidate and their work.

2. Curriculum vitae of the applicant including full contact information at the home institution.