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MEETING DETAILS

Date: Tuesday,
November 16, 2021

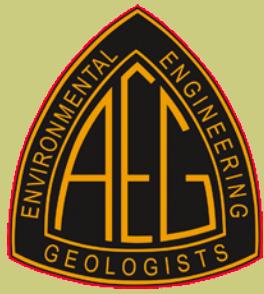
Location: Virtual
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Meeting ID: 864 8925 6106
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Evening Agenda:
6:00 pm Virtual Presentation

We look forward to seeing you at the presentation!!

UPCOMING MEETINGS:
Dec 14th: TBD
Jan 18th: ASCE GEOTECH JOINT Meeting Orion George
Feb 21nd: TBD
Mar 15th: Dr. Ashley Streig
Apr 19th: Rick Wooten (Jahns lecturer)
May 17th: Student Night



"Explosive" encounters of landslides and water

The Elliot Creek and Chamoli disasters

Presented by: John Clague, PhD.

Emeritus Professor at Simon Fraser University

Abstract:

Two recent landslide disasters shine the light on the risk posed by incorporation or displacement of water by rockslides and rock avalanches. The Elliot Creek event in the BC Coast Mountains in November 2020 displaced millions of cubic metres water in an alpine lake. The resulting displacement wave devastated 11 km in the valley below. The Chamoli event in February 2021 initiated when a large rockslide collapse from a high peak in the Indian Himalaya. The rockslide melted and incorporated water from glacier ice and rapidly transformed into a debris flow that destroyed two downstream hydropower projects and killed over 200 people. These types of events represent an emerging, yet underappreciate, hazard due to their far-reaching effects and in the case of the Himalayan example, increasing exposure of people and infrastructure in high mountains to them.



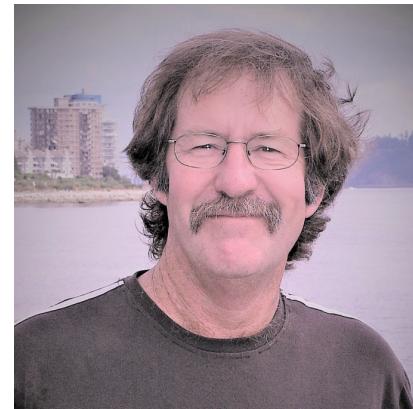
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Bio: John Clague

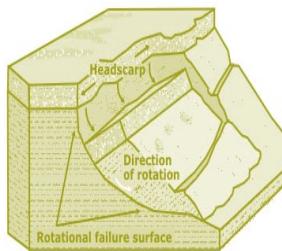
John is Emeritus Professor at Simon Fraser University. He was educated at Occidental College (BA), the University of California Berkeley (MA), and the University of British Columbia (PhD). Clague worked as a Research Scientist with the Geological Survey of Canada from 1975 until 1998. In 1998 he accepted a faculty position in Department of Earth Sciences at Simon Fraser University. Clague is a Quaternary geologist with research specializations in glacial geology, geomorphology, natural hazards, and climate change. Clague is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, former President of the Geological Association of Canada, and Past-President of the International Union for Quaternary Research and the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia (APEGBC). He received an Honorary PhD from the University of Waterloo in 2017 and in 2020 was inducted as an Officer of the Order of Canada. Although 'retired', Clague is currently Editor in Chief of the journal *Natural Hazards*.



Message from the Chair

Happy Halloween, Oregon AEG!

We hope you all found our last Section Meeting to be helpful! Ericka Koss, Christine Valentine and Scott Burns discussed our new Continuing Education credits for RGs and CEGs in Oregon. If you missed it, here is OSBGE's helpful guidance document: [Continuing Education Guidance](#). There is a template for a log to take note of credits as you earn them, to be prepared. And as a reminder, AEG Oregon Section meetings with our traditional format of an hour-long presentation fulfill 1-hour credit of continuing education.



Coming up for our November 16th section meeting, I am so pleased to welcome a Pacific Northwest neighbor from British Columbia, Dr. John Clague, with his presentation “‘Explosive’ encounters of landslides and water -- The Elliot Creek and Chamoli disasters.” As John notes in the abstract for his talk, the “emerging, yet underappreciated hazard” of landslides encountering water sources are a hazard I very much look forward to learning more about, with both a recent B.C. and Indian Himalaya example.

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Chair Message Continued . . .

We (the Board) are watching local Covid transmission rates and local, state and Federal guidance on social gatherings, however we anticipate hosting our first hybrid meeting in December, with a combination of an in-person dinner and talk, which will be live-streamed to a Zoom audience. That way, folks can choose how they would like to participate. Please look for the December newsletter for the Zoom link and details about the meeting.

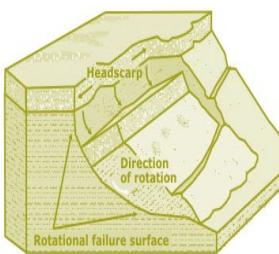
In your local AEG Oregon Chapter Board news, we are sad to say Bryon Free (Secretary) is moving onto higher aspirations as a high school science teacher. His students are very lucky, as they too will benefit from Bryon's curiosity and good-natured enthusiasm that we enjoyed while he was Newsletter Editor and on the Board. We wish you the best, Bryon!

We are happy to welcome Rud Moe as our newest volunteer as website editor! We are very grateful and we look forward to a more up-to-date website. There's still room if you'd like to organize field trips (Field Trip Chair!) or drum up support for members (Membership Chair!).

-Nancy Calhoun

AEG Oregon Chapter Chair, 2020-21

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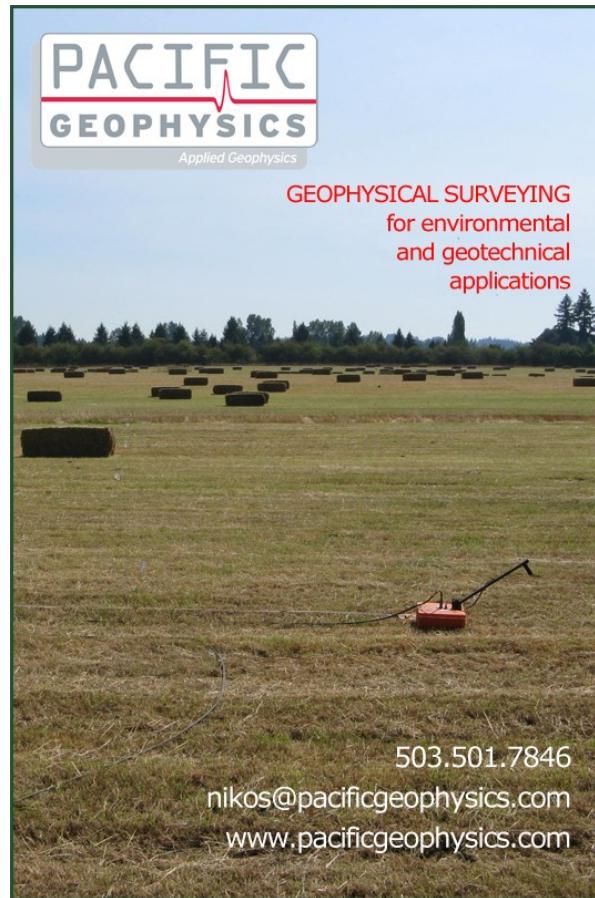
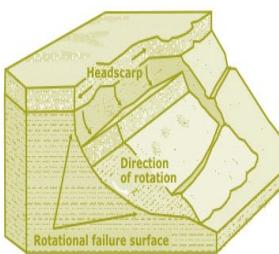
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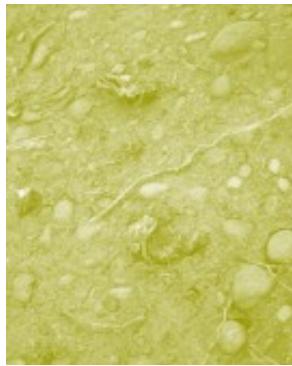
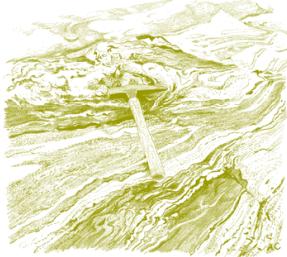


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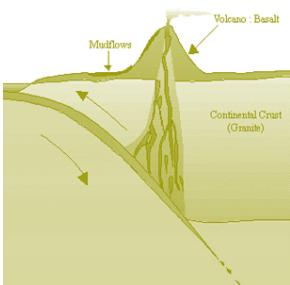
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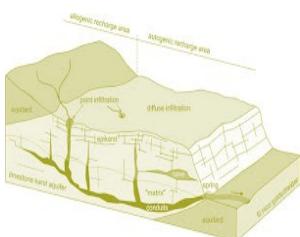
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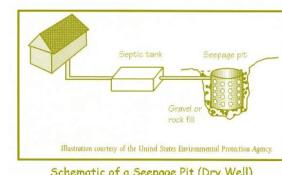
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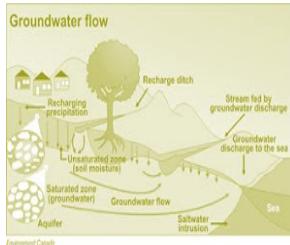
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James Hutton

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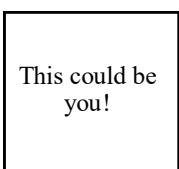
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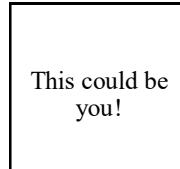
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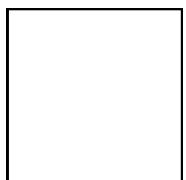
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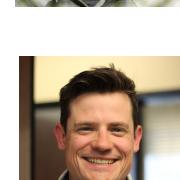
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