



International Society for Rock Mechanics and Rock Engineering

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ISRM News Journal and Newsletters

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1. OBJECTIVES

- (a) The ISRM publishes and distributes to the members of the Society an annual Journal called the "ISRM News Journal" (herein referred to as the News Journal) reflecting the achievements and activities of the ISRM for that particular year. The News Journal is published both in hard copy and electronically on the ISRM website.
- (b) In addition, the ISRM publishes a Newsletter electronically on the ISRM website reflecting newsworthy items, short articles of general interest to members and news received from the National Groups.

2. RESPONSIBILITIES

- (a) The News Journal is to be produced by the ISRM Board under the direction of the President, with assistance from the Secretary General. An editor who may or may not be a member of the Board may be appointed for this purpose.
- (b) The Newsletter is to be produced by the Secretary General with assistance from the Board.
- (c) The ISRM Secretariat, under the direction of the Secretary General, is in charge of printing and distributing the News Journal. The Secretariat is also responsible for advertising, accounting (including payments and collections) and all non-editorial functions.

3. CONTENTS

3.1 Languages

The News Journal is to be printed in English, with non-English articles accepted at the discretion of the Board.

3.2 News Journal Balance of Contents

The News Journal is to aim for a balance of contents which consist of technical items, official announcements, journalistic articles and advertising. It shall be a summary of the activities of the ISRM Secretary-General, Board, Commissions and Regions and shall contain technical articles of high quality such as the Rocha Medal presentation of the previous year, a summary of the Müller lecture and any other significant contribution to the science of rock mechanics.



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3.3 Newsletter Items

- (a) These are to include news from National Groups, announcements of courses and other items of factual information. Items are to be compiled and edited by the Secretary General in consultation with the President with a view to provide interesting, timely and comprehensive information to members.
- (b) Items of opinion and controversy are to be encouraged. The Editors should try to ensure that all sides of an issue are fairly represented.

3.6 Advertisements in the News Journal

- (a) The Board Members are responsible for advertising matters including solicitations and collections of advertising artwork. The ISRM Secretariat shall be responsible for collecting revenues and shall keep all advertising correspondence.
- (b) Advertisements are not to be accepted for the sole purpose of the ISRM making a profit, and therefore, may be rejected if in the opinion of the Board they do not comply with editorial standards or fail to provide useful information to the members of the Society. Acceptable materials include announcements of instruments, materials and services, publications, and educational courses related to the Objects of the Society (Statutes Clause 3).
- (c) The fee for advertising in the News Journal is to be determined by ISRM Board.

3.7 Artwork

The News Journal is to maintain a high quality of typestyle and artwork, so as to be attractive and easy to read. Responsibility for this rests with the Board who are to be assisted by the ISRM Secretariat on matters related to printing.

4. PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION

4.1 Frequency of Publication

There is to be one issue of the News Journal per year in hard copy format. Special issues may be published. The date printed on the cover of each issue is the date on which the issue is distributed to ISRM members.

4.2 Quality of Printing

The Board, is to be responsible for maintaining a high quality of printing, while controlling reproduction costs (Article 5 below).

4.3 Extent of Distribution

Each member of the Society is to receive the ISRM News Journal at no charge. The Secretariat is also to distribute gratis copies to the Presidents of sister societies and others on a list to be reviewed and updated periodically by the Board.



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5. COSTS AND REVENUES

- (a) The News Journal is to be financed by the ISRM through its annual budget, as a separately accounted item, which is the responsibility of the Secretariat.
- (b) Costs are to be offset by advertising revenues. The Board is to minimise the extent of subsidy through members' dues, by maximising advertising revenues and by limiting the costs of printing and mailing, while maintaining the high quality of the product.