

Invitation to Participate in the Geopostcards project

Guidelines



On behalf of the Local Committee of the Conference and SOCHIGE (Chilean Geotechnical Society), you are cordially invited to participate in the **PBD-V CHILE 2026 GEOPOSTCARDS project**.

This activity has been promoted within the framework of the **FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PERFORMANCE-BASED DESIGN IN EARTHQUAKE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING**, which will take place in Puerto Varas, Chile, in November 2026.

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Objectives

- Promote integration among the geotechnical earthquake engineering community
- Share your experience in geotechnical engineering and earthquake geotechnical engineering through digital postcards.
- Showcase projects and/or events related to one or more of the official Conference topics (see Annex A).
- Become part of the PBD-V Chile 2026 digital postcard gallery, which will be displayed during the Conference in our website and afterward on the SOCHIGE website.

Submission Guidelines

- **Eligibility & Limit:** As an author, co-author, and/or participant of the Conference, you may submit up to three (3) photographs.
- **Theme:** Each submitted photograph should depict a project or event related to the Conference topics (Annex A) in relationship with the geotechnical field.
- **Technical Specifications:** Photographs must be in digital format (JPG or similar) with a minimum size of 3 MP. The orientation may be vertical or horizontal, with an aspect ratio of 0.7 or similar. Photographs may be edited at a basic level only (e.g., contrast, brightness).
- **Required Accompanying Information:** Each photograph must be submitted with the author's full name (or source for historical records), Geopostcards title, and photo location (City, Country). You must also include the associated Conference sub-theme (see Annex A), a brief project description of maximum 40 words.
- **Selection Process:** The message conveyed by the photograph, as well as its composition, will be considered in the selection process.

Rights & Authorization

- The rights to the photographs remain with their authors.
- By participating, you agree that your photographs may be used by the PBD-V Organizing Committee for the Conference's graphic archive and on SOCHIGE's official social media accounts.

Reception, Submission, and Deadlines

- **Deadline:** Submissions are open until Tuesday, September 22, 2026.
- **How to Submit:** Photographs, together with the required information and the authorization (website form), must be submitted directly through the Conference official **Geopostcard PBD-V submission form**. This form you can find it as a link in the invitation e-mail.
- **Curated photographs:** The Organizing Committee will select the photographs to be featured in the PBD-V International Gallery. Selected photographs will be displayed as digital postcards for attendees and the public.
- **Souvenir:** Each participant will receive a printed postcard, yours to keep, or to send to a friend, colleague, or family member.

Contact Information

- For any questions or inquiries about the submission process, please follow the contact form: <https://www.pbd-v-chile.com/contact/>

Annex A - Conference Themes

One of the pressing needs in geotechnical earthquake engineering is the development of performance-based design (PBD) principles. These principles, already in use for the seismic design of structures under strong earthquakes and other infrastructure under different hazards, are rapidly evolving. Practical and reliable performance-based designs in geotechnical engineering are not just theoretical but necessary for a wide range of civil engineering projects.

1. Case histories on site effects, embankments and slopes, earth and tailings dams, surface fault rupture, MSWLF performance, and other geohazards.
2. Underground structures and soil-structure interaction, including shallow foundations and pile foundations.
3. Soil investigation with field and laboratory testing for performance-based design.
4. Dynamic characterization and modeling of soils for performance-based design.
5. Numerical analyses for performance-based design.
6. Methodology of performance-based design.
7. Recent developments in PBD codes.
8. Advances in soil liquefaction.