



Dear Colleague,

This invitation is being sent on behalf of **Profs. Elias Aifantis, Andrew Chan, Dariusz Gawin, Nasser Khalili, Manuel Pastor, Francesco Pesavento and Lorenzo Sanavia**, the Co-Chairs of the **Schrefler International Symposium on Geomechanics and Applications for Sustainable Development**, which is dedicated to honoring the lifetime achievements of Prof. Bernhard Schrefler, a renowned figure in the field of environmental geomechanics and beyond. This symposium will be held as part of 2019 Sustainable Industrial Processing Summit (SIPS 2019), a yearly event that is deeply science-focused and industrial engineering-oriented, organized by the not-for-profit corporation FLOGEN Stars Outreach (<http://www.flogen.org/>), which is dedicated to achieving sustainability through science and technology. It incorporates summit plenary lectures from well-known speakers that address the link between scientific and engineering domains in the pursuit of sustainable development, as well as specific science and engineering symposia that feature technical presentations with the same goals in mind. The symposium and overall summit will be held in Cyprus from **23-27 October 2019**.

We have confirmed until now the participations of Dan Shechtman (2011 Nobel Laureate), Kurt Wuthrich (2002 Nobel Laureate), and Klaus von Klitzing (1985 Nobel Laureate) while Andre Geim (2010 Nobel Laureate), and others will be confirmed shortly.

Official webpage of Schrefler International Symposium:  
[https://www.flogen.org/sips2019/Bernhard\\_Schrefler.php](https://www.flogen.org/sips2019/Bernhard_Schrefler.php)  
Official SIPS 2018 webpage: <https://flogen.org/sips2019/>

Some promotional YouTube videos about Cyprus and SIPS 2019 are given below:  
<https://youtu.be/AYPHHD4pKrs>  
<https://youtu.be/-t28E4BBoeU>  
<https://youtu.be/5VZhFKN0348>

As President of SIPS 2018, I am personally inviting you to participate as an author at this major symposium. The topics of the symposium are described here: <https://www.flogen.org/sips2019/summit.php?id=51>. The abstracts have to be submitted online at: [https://www.flogen.org/sips2019/abstract\\_submission.php](https://www.flogen.org/sips2019/abstract_submission.php).

If you prefer to deliver a presentation with a wider scope for one of the listed topics, or on a new specialized topic of your choice, we would be pleased to take it into consideration for a possible nomination as an Invited or Keynote Lecture. In this case, please send us an email at the same address, which should indicate your interest and include a draft abstract.

The papers will be double peer reviewed and published in the official Publication entitled: “**Schrefler International Symposium on Geomechanics and Applications for Sustainable Development**” containing ISBN and ISSN numbers. Furthermore, many papers will be subsequently published as part of special volume of relevant Journal dedicated to this symposium.

This symposium follows a rich tradition of similar symposia held as part of SIPS since 2003. An overview of the most recent events can be seen below:

- **SIPS 2018:** Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, November 2018: <http://www.flogen.org/sips2019>
  - Video Summary: <https://youtu.be/FiYmc1Llet4>
  - Video Impressions: <https://www.flogen.org/sips2018/page.php?p=68>
- **2017 SIPS:** Cancun, Mexico, October 2017: <http://www.flogen.org/sips2017/>
  - Impressions: [www.flogen.org/sips2017/?gid=68](http://www.flogen.org/sips2017/?gid=68)
  - Final report: [www.flogen.org/sips2017/pdf/sips2017Report.pdf](http://www.flogen.org/sips2017/pdf/sips2017Report.pdf)
- **2016 SIPS:** Hainan Island, China, November 2016: [www.flogen.org/sips2016](http://www.flogen.org/sips2016)
  - Impressions from SIPS 2016: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1HIFEVgiUaM>
  - Final report of SIPS 2016: <http://www.flogen.org/sips2016/pdf/sips2016-Report.pdf>
- **2015 SIPS:** Antalya, Turkey, October 2015: [www.flogen.org/sips2015](http://www.flogen.org/sips2015)
- **2014 SIPS:** Cancun, Mexico; July 2014: [www.flogen.org/ShechtmanSymposium](http://www.flogen.org/ShechtmanSymposium)
- **2013 SIPS:** San Diego CA, USA <http://www.flogen.org/conferences.php?spage=5>
- **2011 SIPS:** Cancun, Mexico: <http://www.flogen.com/FraySymposium/>
- **2006 Sohn International Symposium,** San Diego, CA, USA: <http://www.flogen.org/SohnSymposium/>
- **2003 Yazawa International Symposium,** San Diego, CA, USA: <http://www.flogen.org/YazawaSymposium/>

The symposium is the optimal conference to present your most recent work, listen to latest achievements of your colleagues, and interact with well-known experts from diverse fields of industry, academia, and politics. We hope your participation will enable your organization to improve efficacy, and implement the best sustainable research and industrial practices.

It would be a great pleasure to have you join us.

We are looking forward to hearing from you.

Dr. Florian Kongoli  
President  
SIPS 2019 Organizing Committee

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