

The ACG's Online Repository – growth and opportunity

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In early 2017, the Australian Centre for Geomechanics launched the ACG Online Repository for Conference Proceedings. Since 2005, the ACG has published conference papers across the geotechnical mining spectrum, including underground and open pit mining, paste and thickened tailings and mine closure. The repository aims to provide the mining geomechanics fraternity with open access, peer-reviewed conference proceedings that may assist readers to maintain and develop their skills, knowledge and capabilities. One year on from the launch date, the repository has grown considerably, as has its audience. There are also exciting plans in place for the development of the platform to include more offerings and opportunities for sponsors to promote their support of the ACG. In the past year, the ACG team has worked to gain the approval for and publish online many papers from previous conference proceedings, dating back to 2008. This work will continue with the hopes that the majority of our back catalogue of event publications will be freely available on the online repository. The repository has also been promoted to universities throughout the world, along with relevant industry associations. In addition to this, recent event proceedings have been published on

the online repository, including Deep Mining 2017, Paste 2017, Underground Mining Technology 2017 and Paste 2018. Moving forward, all future ACG international event proceedings will be published on the online repository. Recent Google Analytics reports reflect that since its inception, the repository has received nearly 21,000 sessions from users all over the world, with Australia, North America/Canada and China being the top countries. (Source: www.google.com/analytics/) LinkedIn has provided the most referrals to the repository, with other social avenues including Facebook, ResearchGate and Twitter. The ACG website and ACG events websites provide a fair amount of the traffic to the repository, as well as scholar.google.com. As more authors have their work published on the site, and have the link to share and promote on their own social networks, we should see the traffic from sites like LinkedIn and ResearchGate grow even more. Looking to future plans for the online repository, a number of initiatives will be implemented. From ensuring all publications comply with ISSN and DOI protocols and widening the range of papers available on the site, to developing scope for sponsorship and promotional opportunities for ACG supporters and affiliates, the ACG endeavours

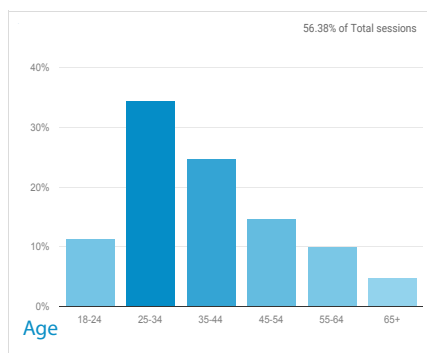


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to maximise the full potential of the platform. View the site at papers.acg.uwa.edu.au. Your feedback is welcome.

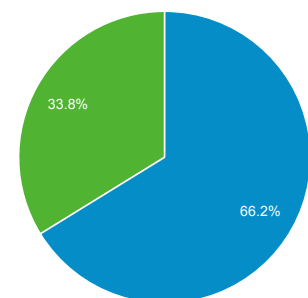


User demographics by age.
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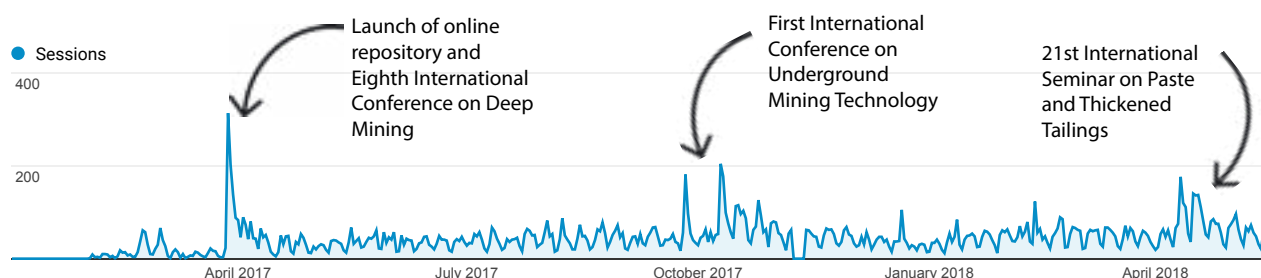


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■ New Visitor ■ Returning Visitor



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Sessions tracked from April 2017 to April 2018. Spikes can be seen when an ACG international event was held.
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