

## Report

### The 3<sup>rd</sup> IPA Board of Directors Meeting

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Board of Directors Meeting was held on Thursday 4 July 2019 at IPA Headquarters in Tokyo, with the attendance of 20 Board Members, including three newly elected Board Members from Brazil, Philippines and Tunisia, and a newly elected Auditor from China.

Prior to the Board meeting, the meetings of five Standing Committees were held. The key agenda of the Board meeting included the election of vice-presidents, the nomination of Chair and Co-chair of the standing committees, the establishment of new Technical Committee and the preparation of 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Press-in Technology to be held in 2021.

The Vice Presidents and the Chair and Co-chair of the Standing Committees for the year of 2019 are as follows:

**Vice President:** Prof. D. White (UK), Prof. C.F. Leung (Singapore), Dr. A. Yusoff (Malaysia) and Prof. Y. Matsumoto (Japan)

**Chair and Co-chair of Standing Committee:**

Research Committee: Prof. Y. Kikuchi (Chair, Japan), Dr. S. Haigh (Co-chair, UK), Prof. K. Gavin (Co-chair, The Netherlands)

Award Committee: Dr. M. Terashi (Chair, Japan), Dr. A. McNamara (Co-chair, UK), Prof. Zhang (Co-chair, Hong Kong)

Publicity Committee: Prof. T. Uchimura (Chair, Japan), Prof. M. Doubrovsky (Co-chair, Ukraine), Prof. D. Tung (Co-chair, Viet Nam)

Development Committee: Prof. J. Takemura (Chair, Japan), Mr. Y. Ishihara (Co-chair, Japan)

Administration Committee: Prof. O. Kusakabe (Chair, Japan), Mr. K. Ishii (Co-chair, Japan)

The new Technical Committee (TC4 on Vertical performance and construction management of sheet piles installed by Rotary Cutting Press-in Method) was established for three years term (2019 - 2022), and Dr. S. Haigh (Cambridge University) was nominated for the Committee Chair.

Discussions were also made on the following issues: the operation of IPA regional offices, Award program, the planning of 2<sup>nd</sup> ICPE, the plans of IPA seminars in the fiscal year of 2019 and the issues to be revised in Constitutions & By laws. The next Board meeting is planned to be held in June 2020.

In the following day, IPA provided the newly elected Board Members either a site visit at a construction site in Tokyo or a one-day visit to GIKEN LTD. in Kochi.

