

Webwaves



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The new ASEG website: continuing developments

Much of the Web Committee's efforts in recent months have been directed towards ensuring that the website's transition between content management systems has been as smooth as possible. A necessary part of that transition has been a bias towards incremental improvement rather than revolutionary change. For the most part we have succeeded, despite the odd regrettable incident where Members were unable to access journals. Evidence that the new site is functioning well may be found in the way that the SA/NT Branch's recently closed Annual Wine offer has proceeded.

Members will have noticed small sections in previous issues of *Preview* with brief descriptions of historical geophysical surveying equipment. These were drawn from an article by John Stanley (this issue) and are slowly making their way online as exhibits in a virtual museum. The equipment museum is at <https://www.aseg.org.au/equipment-museum>.

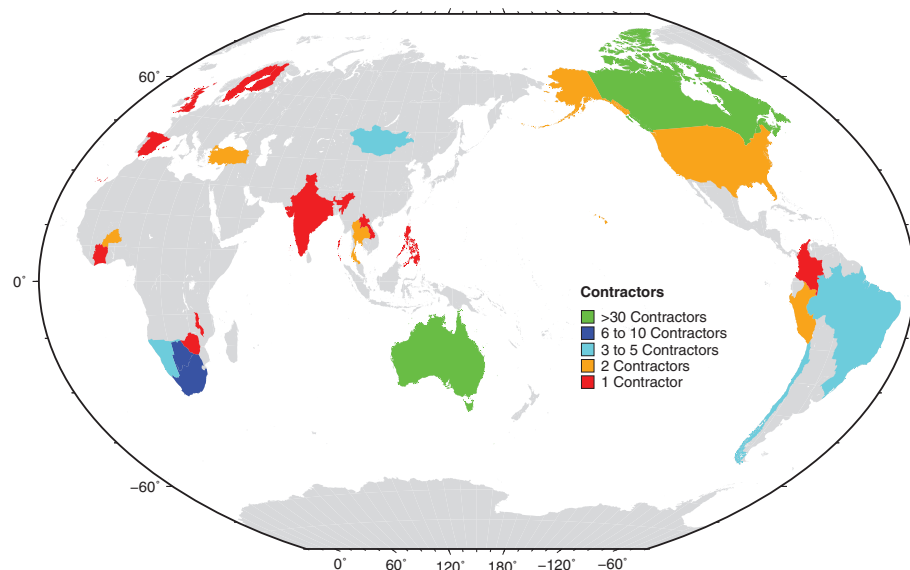


Figure 1. Worldwide distribution of contractors listed in the ASEG's contractor database. The map is dominated by Australia and Canada, and 12 countries have single entries.

Another addition to the web site has been proceedings of a workshop held as part of the 25th ASEG Conference in Adelaide. Jayson Meyers and Chris Wijns have arranged for presentations made during the workshop on 'Near surface passive seismic surveying for mineral exploration, environmental and engineering applications' to be uploaded. All 13 presentations are in PDF format and available to download at <https://www.aseg.org.au/workshop-proceedings>. We welcome enquiries by other workshop conveners who are interested in reaching a wider audience.

The main efforts of the Web Committee for the next few months will be focussed on updating the Contractors database (<https://www.aseg.org.au/employment/contractor-database>). Originally compiled by Ken Witherly and Pat Killeen, this database currently holds

contact details of 118 contractors, and is designed to facilitate the search for geophysical contractors in different parts of the world. Figure 1 plots the distribution of contractors throughout the world. Twenty-five countries are represented. Reflecting the database' origin, Australia (39) and Canada (31) have the most entries. Seven contractors list countries in Africa as their location, and five contractors list Asian countries as their location. One of the Web Committee, Ian James (Terraspect), will be leading efforts to add details such as

methods and country of operation to existing entries. This information will enable searches to be much more efficient. With this in mind, we urge all contractors to consider the information in the database, and how much more they can provide to allow their services to be found more easily.

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