Special Issue

New Advances in Rock Fractures and Landslide Forecasting

Message from the Guest Editors

Rock fractures play a fundamental role in the initiation, evolution, and failure of rock slopes and landslides by controlling mechanical strength, deformation behavior, and fluid transport within rock masses. External drivers such as rainfall infiltration, groundwater fluctuations, and seismic loading can significantly accelerate landslide initiation through coupled hydro-mechanical and dynamic effects.

Recent advances in monitoring technologies, numerical modeling, and data-driven methods have created new opportunities for landslide forecasting based on fracture-related precursory signals. This Special Issue aims to present new advances that link rock fracture processes with hydrological and seismic drivers.

This Special Issue will publish high-quality, original research papers in the following overlapping fields:

- Rock fracture mechanics and fracture propagation in slopes;
- Non-Darcian flow and fluid transport in fractured rock masses;
- Hydro-mechanical coupling processes in slope failure;
- Rainfall-induced, groundwater-driven landslides;
- Seismic and dynamic loading effects on fractured rock slopes;
- Monitoring technologies for fracture and slope deformation;

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