Special Issue

Advanced Studies in Structural Geology: The Role of Tectonics on Applied Geology ⊠spects

Message from the Guest Editors

Tectonics is a crucial research field, holding a key-role in applied geology, as it provides qualitative and quantitative information, which is decisive in various types of studies. In particular, these studies are related to:

- Geological Hazards: Natural disasters are linked to tectonic processes; their most important outcome is the earthquakes, as well as other secondary effects such as volcanic eruptions, landslides, and tsunamis.
- Groundwater Resources: The active tectonics have important effects on aquifer creation and groundwater flow.
- Geotechnical Engineering: Tectonic activity impacts
 the rock and soil stability. Additionally, the importance
 of structural geology in slopes, foundations for
 buildings, and pavements have been recognized.
 However, the integration of structural geology
 mapping and theory in all stages of engineering
 projects remains a challenge.
- Mineral and Energy Resources: Tectonic studies are important as guides for economic geologists searching for fuels and ore deposits of metallic and nonmetallic resources.

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