

# ZSoil Future

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# History

- ZSoil has been developed since 1982 and was first sold in 1985. Since then it has been owned, directed and developed by Zace Services Ltd/Prof. Thomas Zimmermann, the Z of ZSoil!!
- Over the years a large number of people have contributed to the development of ZSoil. Notably :
  - The Zace team in Poland have been at the head of development since > 20 years now. Specifically Prof. Andrzej Truty and Dr. Krzysztof Podles.
  - In Switzerland there have been significant contributions to the development and management of ZSoil from Prof. Stéphane Commend, Dr. Rafal Obrzud and Dr. Matthias Preisig (and many others).

# Today

- After over 40 years of development Prof. Zimmermann will be stepping back.
- The people mentioned on the previous slide have agreed to come together to form GeoDev which will continue the ZSoil project in the future.
- GeoDev will be taking over the commercialisation of ZSoil, essentially replacing Zace. TZ will still be involved as a consultant for GeoDev.
- This includes Research & Development, Customer Support and Sales.

# Future Organisation of GeoDev

- The Director of GeoDev will be Prof. Commend, with the management team including Prof. Truty, Dr. Podles, Dr. Obrzud, Dr. Preisig and Mr. Kivell.
- A larger research/development team with knowledge spread and bringing in younger members to the team in Poland and Switzerland :
  - Research/development projects linked directly to the ZSoil code headed by Prof. Truty.
  - Research/development projects in the domain of probabilistic methods headed by Prof. Commend here in Switzerland.
- Customer support split between Poland and Switzerland to avoid conflicts of interest.

# Future developments

- ZSoil software (v23 will be released on the 01.10.2022)
  - Planned a yearly release of new versions
  - Continued development and many new ideas for the ZSoil software
- Templates with +R (next release 01.09.2022)

# Summary

- The future GeoDev/ZSoil team all have a strong link to ZSoil and have been involved in its management/development already for > 20 years. This will ensure continuity and a smooth transition, especially concerning the interaction with our clients.
- More young researchers will be brought into the project to grow the development team and spread the knowledge.
- We have lots of great ideas (and many from our clients) and with a new energy and enthusiasm we are excited to take on (or continue) our mission to make ZSoil the best Geotechnical Finite Element software available on the market!!!

Thank you for your attention!!!