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The conference was every bit as interesting as I could have imagined. Not only the technical aspects of it were great, but it also allowed me to interact with fellow students, professors and scientists from all around the world. It was really interesting, and exciting if you will, to attend lectures by leading minds in the field of geotechnics such as Ricardo Dobry, Steven Kramer or Pedro Seco just to name a few.

Although I must admit that, since I am an undergraduate student, some of the lectures were out of my reach, most of them were very interesting and along with the workshops, state of the art lectures and theme lectures, allowed me to form a clear idea of where things are going in Geotechnical Engineering. Idea that broadens my perspective on every Geotechnical related class I take hereon.

Another aspect that I think was very beneficial to me was that I got to know first hand this whole academic world that until now to me was restricted to my faculty teachers. A world that I think is very interesting and that I now see as a possible career choice.

It also was a good way to make contacts with leading companies for a possible internship (which is mandatory in my university in order to get my degree) and, as I already mentioned, to meet fellow students from all over the world which can become fruitful contacts for any kind of investigation program at my university.

Coming back to classes in March, me and other few classmates who also attended the conference, will be able, and willing, to share our experience and things learned with our fellow students and teachers.

Finally, I have nothing left to say but to thank Professor Harry Poulos, Paloma Peers and the ISSMGE Foundation once again for granting me the Registration fee and allowing me to attend the 5ICEGE.