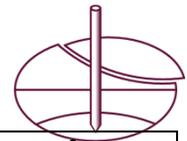


**ISSMGE FOUNDATION
REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

<p>Your Name: Anna Shidlovskaya</p>	<p>Your Organization: National Mineral Resources University "University of Mines", St. Petersburg, Russia</p>	<p>Date of report: 01 October 2015</p>
<p>Conference Title: XVI European Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering</p>	<p>Location of Conference: Edinburgh, Scotland, United Kingdom</p>	<p>Dates of Conference: 13-17 September 2015</p>
<p>What you learned:</p> <p>I participated in the XVI European Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering because I have received the partial funding from the ISSMGE Foundation. I presented my paper titled "Effect of peat bogs on the properties of underlying sand layers" (authors Dashko R., Shidlovskaya A.) that has been accepted for the presentation and publication in the proceedings of the conference. This is probably the second biggest conference on the planet when it comes to geotechnical engineering.</p> <p>I also had a chance to meet with people who work in this area and to discuss a potential cooperation on geotechnical engineering and engineering geology of problematic materials such peat, soft clay and sand soils, and organic soil. I have learned while considering peat and peaty soils as problematic geomaterials, we are not taking into account a negative impact of peat on the underlying sand even if the peat has been removed for ease of construction. It should be noted that not much has been done in this area internationally and the research performed at National Mineral Resources University (University of Mines, St. Petersburg, Russia) on this topic was a big professional interest during the poster presentation.</p> <p>As a chair of the Joint Technical Committee on Geo-Engineering Education (JTC3) within the Federation of International Geo-engineering Societies, I had a chance to learn how the international professional societies including ISSMGE work together and to discuss future plans and strategy of development and successful cooperation.</p>		
<p>People you met:</p> <p>I met Dr. Jean-Louis Briaud (President of FedIGS), Dr. Roger Frank (President of ISSMGE), and Dr. Russell Jones (President of IGS) and discussed the membership in JTC3 from the societies with them. I also got a chance to meet with the current members of JTC3 Dr. Michele Calvello (member from ISSMGE), Dr. Waldemar Hachich (member from ISSMGE), Dr Chungsik Yoo (IGS) and to share my vision on JTC3 with them. I also met past Presidents of ISSMGE Dr. Michele Jamiolkowskiy and Dr. W.V. Impe. I met a lot of practitioners all over the world during the conference too.</p>		
<p>Main features of conference:</p> <p>The conference theme, Geotechnical Engineering for Infrastructure and Development, was</p>		



broad and inclusive. The electronic poster presentation was a brilliant idea at the conference and the electronic posters were available during the conference. The exhibition hall was well organized and the exhibition hall was a suitable place to meet geotechnical professionals from different backgrounds. The discussion about the present and future of geotechnical engineering and innovation left everyone feeling responsible to do his/ her own contribution in the geotechnical field.

Your comments on the conference:

The conference was successful in its number of attendees, its technical content and its organization. I would definitely encourage anyone to participate and I will hopefully participate in such conference in the future.

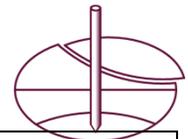
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I became more involved in ISSMGE because I was chosen as a Chair of JTC3 on Education for FedIGS in 2015. JTC3 is a Joint Technical Committee on education and training of the Federation of International Geo-engineering Societies (FedIGS) representing the International Society for Rock Mechanics (ISRM), International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE), International Association for Engineering Geology and the Environment (IAEG), and International Geosynthetics Society (IGS). My goal as a chair of JTC3 is to contribute to broad cooperation between international geo-engineering societies and their members in teaching, training, and outreach facilities.

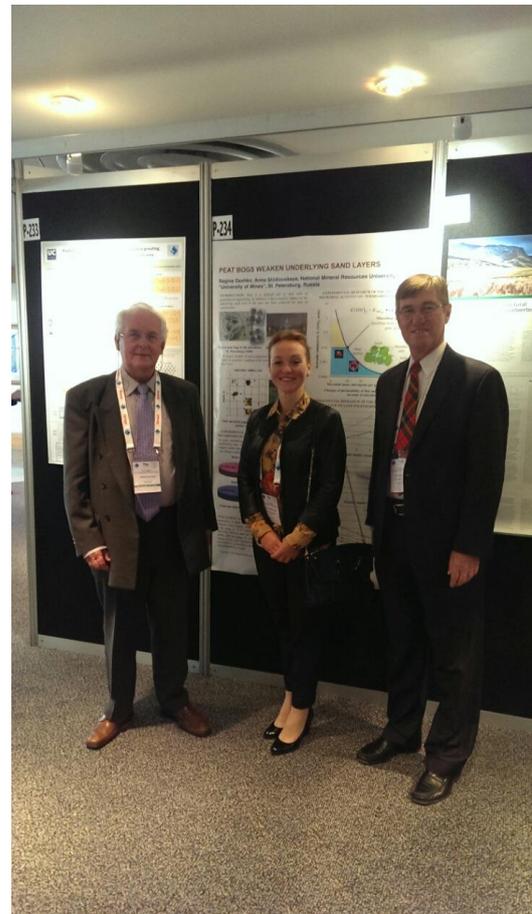
I also had a chance to meet with people from professional society (ISSMGE and IGS) and different technical committee. I participated in the TC 306 Workshop and Committee meeting on Geo-Engineering Educations, TC 207 Soil-Structure Interaction and Retaining Walls Workshop, TC 211 Workshop on Ground Improvement, JTC2 Workshop on Geo-Eng Data and many others.



I wish to thank the ISSMGE Foundation for making my trip possible and I also appreciate the generosity of those people who contributed to the Foundation. I hope that one day I will be in a position to return the favor.



Dr. Shidlovskaya with two past Presidents of ISSMGE Dr. J.-L. Briaud and Dr. M. Jamiolkowski at the poster presentation



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