

## Conference Reports

### The GEO-EXPO 2016 Scientific and Expert Conference, Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Oct 2016

GEO-EXPO 2016, the 6<sup>th</sup> Scientific and Expert Conference, was held at the Faculty of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geodesy in University campus in Banja Luka on 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

The conference was organized by Geotechnical Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Faculty of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geodesy was the co-organizer of the event. More than 100 participants from Japan, Russia, Turkey, Croatia, Serbia, Slovenia, Macedonia and Bosnia and Herzegovina attended the conference.

“Geotechnics”, “Ecological Engineering” and “Sustainable Development” were the three conference themes.

Prof. Dr. sc. Sabid Zekan, the President of the Geotechnical Society of Bosnia and Herzegovina, addressed and welcomed the delegates at the opening ceremony.

“Euro norms in geotechnics and the application in Bosnia and Herzegovina” was the topic of the round table discussion on the second day of the conference.

Prof. Dr. sc. Ivan Vrkljan, the President of Croatian Geotechnical Society, chaired the discussion and talked about brief history, present and future of Euro Code 7.

The participants benefited from five keynote lectures, presented by distinguished professionals from Japan, Russia, Croatia and Slovenia: Prof. Dr. sc. Norikazu Shimizu, ISRM Vice President, Prof. Dr. sc. Hideaki Marui, Prof. Dr. sc. Larisa Nazarova, Prof.dr.sc. Mensur Mulabdić and Dr.sc. Jasminka Alijagić.

Invited lecturer, Prof. Dr. sc. Mensur Mulabdić delivered a keynote lecture on a topic: “Landfill waste - critical aspects of design and construction”.

32 papers were presented on the following topics: soil and rock mechanics, geotechnical engineering, landslides, landfills, foundations, roads, underground objects, open pits, materials and infrastructure, ground improvement and supports and soil pollutions.

The president of Society’s Assembly, Mr.sc. Amer Džindo, took a moment to acknowledge and recognize the contribution of the distinguished professionals in the field of Geotechnics in Bosnia and Herzegovina and awarded the plaques on behalf of Society.

The essential management issues were discussed at Society’s annual general meeting. It was concluded that the members are making great efforts to improve and develop the activity of the Society. GEO-EXPO conference encourages the professionals to gather and involve in resolution of numerous geotechnical issues in Bosnia and Herzegovina and to develop a strong basis for the generations of experts who are yet to come.

Upon the conference closure, the delegates were offered to join a professional tourist visit to the Banja Luka - Doboj Highway facilities.

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Photo 1. Dean of the Faculty of Architecture, Civil Engineering and Geodesy, Banja Luka welcomes the participants at the opening ceremony



Photo 2. Prof. Ivan Vrkljan and Prof. Mato Uljarević at the round table discussion



Photo 3. Invited lecturers with the members of organizing committee



Photo 4. The GEO-EXPO 2016 audience

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