

NEWS FROM MEMBER SOCIETY

Indian Geotechnical Society (IGS), New Delhi

Indian Geotechnical Society (IGS), New Delhi, India is an active member society of ISSMGE. Recently an election for the position of new office bearers of IGS was conducted in November 2012. Based on the number of votes received by various candidates, the elected committee to serve IGS during the two years term of 2013-2014 is announced as follows,

NEW IGS OFFICE BEARERS (2013-2014)

President: Prof. G.N. Gandhi

Immediate Past President: Prof. K.S. Rao

Executive Committee Members:

Prof. G.L. Sivakumar Babu

Mr. Kaushik Bandyopadhyay

Prof. A. Boominathan

Dr. R. Chitra

Prof. Deepankar Choudhury

Mr. H.H. Desai

Dr. Abhay Gupta

Dr. Anil Joseph

Dr. A. Murali Krishna

Mr. R.K. Kulkarni

Dr. H.K. Mahiyar

Dr. Satyendra Mittal

Prof. S.K. Prasad

Prof. G.V.R. Prasada Raju

Prof. H.N. Ramesh

Prof. A. Srirama Rao

Prof. C.N.V. Satyanarayana Reddy

Prof. N.K. Samadhiya

Prof. D.L. Shah

Mr. Ravikiran Vaidya

Mr. Amitava Ghosh (Institutional Member, CBRI)

Dr. J.T. Shahu (Institutional Member, IIT Delhi)

Mr. M.D. Nair (Associate Member, AIMIL)

Honorary Secretary: Mr. Jai Bhagwan

Executive Secretary: Mr. K.K. Govindan

IGS holds a prestigious annual conference known as Indian Geotechnical Conference or IGC every year through one of its 33 Chapters spread across the country. IGC-2012 was held during December 13-15, 2012 at Indian Institute of Technology Delhi, New Delhi, India under the Chairmanship of Prof. K. G. Sharma. A record number of around 700 delegates attended the Conference. Prof. Askar Zussupbekov, Vice President, Asian Region, ISSMGE participated in the Conference besides other invited Speakers from Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Kazakhstan and Italy. The Conference also hosts every year an Annual Lecture of Indian Geotechnical Society (IGS) which is delivered by an eminent speaker on his/her topic of expertise. The 34th IGS Annual Lecture during IGC-2012 was delivered by Prof. B. R. Srinivasa Murthy, an eminent Emeritus Professor of Indian Institute of Science Bangalore, on the topic "Case Studies in Geotechnical Engineering Constructions". The venue for next year's IGC - 2013 is announced and it will be held during December 22-24, 2013 at Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee, India and IGC-2013 will be organized jointly by IIT Roorkee and CBRI, Roorkee under the banner of IGS Roorkee Chapter. For submission of abstracts/papers and for other relevant information about IGC-2013, a website www.igc2013roorkee.in is already launched.

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Newly elected President, Prof. G. N. Gandhi addressing audience during Inauguration of IGC - 2012



Release of Proceedings and Souvenir of IGC - 2012 by dignitaries on dais during Inaugural Ceremony



34th IGS Annual Lecture by Prof. B. R. Srinivasa Murthy at IGC - 2012



Organizing team of IGC - 2012 during Valedictory

As pre and post IGC-2012 events, this conference IGC-2012 witnessed two such events. One day workshop as pre-conference event was held on December 12, 2012 on “Indo-Korean Workshop on Geotechnology for Urban Development (IK-GUD)”, which came out as an activity between Indian Geotechnical Society (IGS) and Korean Geotechnical Society (KGS) through the MOU signed between these two societies in 2011. IGS has already signed similar agreements with National Geotechnical Societies of USA and Japan. One-day post-conference workshop was held on December 17, 2012 on “UKIERI International Workshop on Seismic Requalification of Geotechnical Structures”. This UKIERI sponsored event was jointly organized by Universities of Surrey & Bristol, UK; IIT Guwahati and IIT Delhi, India in collaboration with partners from IIT Bombay and NDMA, India.

Fourth International Seminar on Forensic Geotechnical Engineering (4ISFGE - 2013) was held at Bengaluru (former name Bangalore), India during January 10-12, 2013 which was organized by ISSMGE Technical Committee TC 302 - Forensic Geotechnical Engineering, in association with IGS. On behalf of TC 302 - Forensic Geotechnical Engineering, the Chairman, Dr. V. V. S. Rao; Vice Chairman, Prof. M. R. Madhav and Secretary, Prof. G. L. Sivakumar Babu were the organizers of this event. Eminent speakers from various parts of the world assembled and shared their experiences. To name a few, Dr. Suzanne Lacasse from Norway, Prof. Malcom Bolton from UK, Prof. Rolf Katzenbach from Germany, Prof. Ikuro Towhata from Japan, Prof. Askar Zhussupbekov from Kazakhstan, Prof. C. F. Leung from Singapore, Prof. Gopal Madabhushi from UK, Prof. Yoshi Yawasaki from Japan, Dr. D. S. Saxena from USA, Prof. William van Impe from Belgium, Prof. Eduardo Alonso from Spain delivered lectures during 4ISFGE 2013, in addition to Indian expert speakers.

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Delegates of 4ISFGE-2013 at Bengaluru, India



Alexander von Humboldt Fellows from India with German delegates at 4ISFGE-2013, Bengaluru, India



Newly elected VP Asia, Prof. Ikuo Towhata in discussion with TC 212 Secretary, Prof. Deepankar Choudhury during lunch session of 4ISFGE-2013

A large number of about thirty delegates from India had attended the International Conference on Ground Improvement and Ground Control (ICGI-2012), which was held at University of Wollongong, NSW, Australia during October 30 to November 2, 2012. Among various invited speakers, Prof. M. R. Madhav and Prof. Deepankar Choudhury from India delivered invited lectures during ICGI-2012.

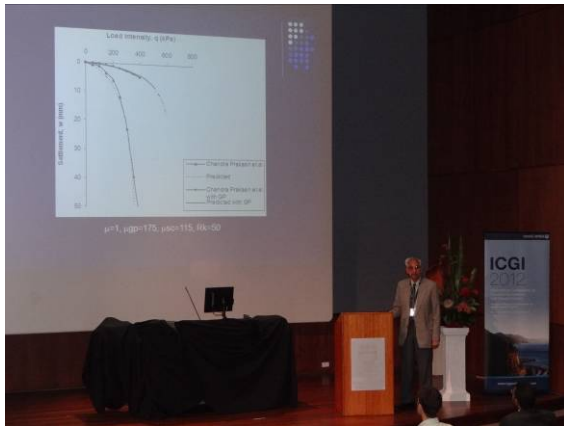


Indian delegates at ICGI - 2012, Wollongong, Australia

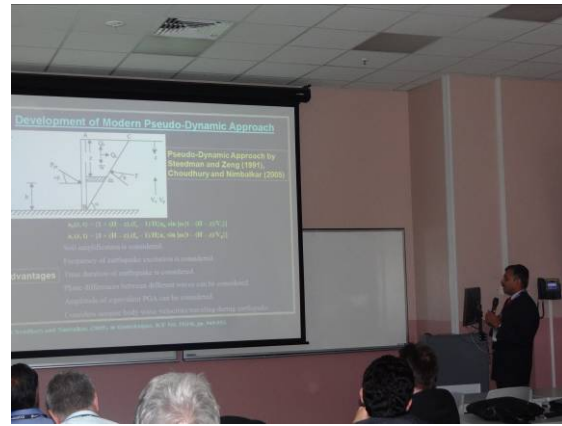


Some of the Indian delegates at Exhibition hall of ICGI-2012, Wollongong, Australia

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Prof. M. R. Madhav delivering his Invited Lecture at ICGI-2012, Wollongong, Australia



Prof. Deepankar Choudhury delivering his Invited Lecture at ICGI-2012, Wollongong, Australia

One day national seminar on the topic 'Embankments: Design and Construction' was organized by IGS Chennai Chapter on March 9, 2013 at IIT Madras, Chennai, India. The event was coordinated by Prof. A. Boominathan, Prof. M. Mutharam, Dr. V. Balakumar and Mr. I. V. Anirudhan. Invited speakers, namely, Prof. G. N. Gandhi, Prof. M. R. Madhav, Prof. K. Rajagopal, Prof. S. R. Gandhi, Prof. S. V. Ramaswamy, Prof. Deepankar Choudhury, Prof. S. K. Prasad, Prof. V. K. Stalin, Prof. J. T. Shahu, Prof. R. G. Robinson, Dr. R. Chitra, Mr. Ughandar talked about various design and construction activities of embankments in India. After the one day event, the newly elected Executive Committee members of IGS had assembled for 194th Executive Committee meeting where various ISSMGE activities and active participation of IGS in those activities including the forthcoming 18ICSMGE Paris 2013 were discussed in length.



194th Executive Committee meeting of newly elected Executive Committee Members of IGS at IIT Madras, Chennai, India on March 9, 2013

Indian Geotechnical Society (IGS) publishes Indian Geotechnical Journal (ISSN: 0971-9555) with M/s Springer publication. IGS has been publishing this quarterly Journal IGJ with one volume in every year and it is in its 43rd volume in 2013. After joining with Springer since 2012, Indian Geotechnical Journal (IGJ) is now able to reach more international audiences/readers and the published papers are now indexed in various publication units like SCOPUS and Web of Science. IGJ invites all researchers to submit their valuable research findings in any area of Geotechnical Engineering through the online submission (<https://www.editorialmanager.com/igtj/>) to IGJ.

Details about various activities of IGS can be viewed at website: <http://www.igs.org.in>