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ISSMGE International Seminar in Belarus, 27 – 28 April 2018

Introduction

The theme of the International Seminar that took place in Belarus was “Foundations Design-Theory and Practice of implementing Eurocodes in European countries and Republic of Belarus”.

The idea was given the utmost attention by Belarus Society to develop geotechnical activities in Belarus. The Seminar held from 27 and 28 April 2018 and took place at the University of Brest.

Organization of the Seminar

The following lecturers have participated:(i) from overseas: Prof. Roger Frank, Dr. Liudas Furmanovich and Prof. Pedro Seco e Pinto; (ii) from Belarus: Prof. Nikitenko Mikhail and Prof. Sernov Vyacheslav.

The lectures covered Piles Design based in Eurocode 7 “Geotechnical Design” and Eurocode 8 “Design Structures for Earthquakes” and applications for Baltic countries and Belarus.

The written versions of the lectures were compiled in a Volume that was distributed to all the participants.

Each lecture had a duration of 45 minutes followed by a period of discussion of 20-30 minutes. The participants were actively engaged in questions, answers and comments about the content of the materials presented during the seminar.

On 28 April morning in 3 separate classrooms Prof. Roger Frank, Prof. Pedro Seco e Pinto and Dr. Liudas Furmanovich had an interactive conversation with the students about geotechnical engineering, namely past, present and future and their challenges.

Social programme

An official dinner was offered by the Organizing Committee on the evening of 27 April.

Thanks

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Photo 1 - Classroom discussion



Photo 2 - View of seminar audience

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Photo 3 - Main table



Photo 4 - Discussion

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