

Activity of Member

The CFMS (Comité français de mécanique des sols et de géotechnique), France



JNGG Conference in Lyon (2006)

The "Comité français de mécanique des sols et de géotechnique" (CFMS) was created in 1948. At the end of 2006 the CFMS was composed of approximately 500 members including 50 collective members. The CFMS is organised with a Board, a Council and a Technical Commission. The main national activities include the organization of approximately five technical meetings per year, half or full day. One or two of them is held in cooperation with neighbours committees (Belgium, Spain, UK, etc.). In addition, a two days National Conference named JNGG ("Journées Nationales de Géotechnique et de Géologie de l'Ingénieur") is organised every two years since 2002 in co-organisation with the CFGI (Engineering Geology) and CFMR (Rock Mechanics), the French branches of IAEG and ISRM.

The CFMS, together with CFMR and CFGI, publishes the French Geotechnical Journal called "Revue Française de Géotechnique" (RFG, four issues per year). This is one of the actions carried out by CFMS for the promotion of the francophone culture in Geotechnics, together with its

active participation in the "Commission for the Coopération and the Francophonie" supported by the ISSMGE.

Two other specific events can be pointed out:

- From 2008, the KERISEL prize, a special prize dedicated to young geotechnical researchers to be handed every two years during the JNGG Conference
- Since 2001, the COULOMB Conference, a special conference given every year by a recognized professional engineer or professor in soil mechanics, alternatively from France and from abroad.

Many French representatives of CFMS are active in most of the Technical Committees of ISSMGE. In addition the CFMS created some local committees that are active for a few years.

The active ones are presently:

- legal aspects of geotechnical practise,
- numerical modelling,
- geotechnical teaching,
- foundations for wind turbines and cranes.



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Former President of CFMS (1969-73)
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News

ISSMGE Touring Lectures in Croatia

ISSMGE Touring Lectures were held in Cavtat-Dubrovnik on 17-20 May 2007 with the theme of Eurocode 7 on Geotechnical design. The intention was to gather a forum of designers from Croatia and the neighboring countries, who would attend lectures delivered by European most prominent experts on Eurocode 7, as well as a lecture delivered by the President of ISSMGE on geotechnical aspects of Eurocode 7. The invited lectures were held by Roger Frank (Vice-President of ISSMGE for Europe, past Chairman of the European Committee for Eurocode 7), Tomislav Ivšić from Croatia, Trevor Orr (Chairman of ISSMGE/ European Technical Committee ETC10 on Evaluation of EC7), Bernd Schuppener (Chairman of the European Committee for Eurocode 7), Pedro Seco e Pinto (President of ISSMGE), Brian Simpson (Past Vice-Chairman of the European Committee for Eurocode 7), and Antun Szavits-Nossan from Croatia. There were 81 participants, 63 from Croatia, 12 from Slovenia, and 1 from Bosnia-Herzegovina. It was a very important event for Croatian geotechnical engineers, who received a general overview of Eurocode 7 and its implementation in European countries, detailed information on the implementation of Eurocode 7 in France, Germany, Ireland, Portugal and UK, as well as some very interesting examples related to the application of Eurocode 7. The participants actively participated in discussions in order to be able to make the preparations for the Croatian National Annex for Eurocode 7.

The Croatian Geotechnical Society is grateful to ISSMGE and its President for making it possible for Croatia to host ISSMGE Touring Lectures on Eurocode 7, and its Vice-President for Europe for initiating the participation of invited lectures from abroad, who made the ISSMGE Touring Lectures in Croatia a great success.