

Conference reports

Nigerian Institution of Geotechnical Engineers Conference 2022

The Nigerian Institution of Geotechnical Engineers (NIGE), the Nigeria Member Society of the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE), held its 2022 Conference & Annual General Meeting at CASONI International Hotels and Suites Ltd., from 31st October to 2nd November, 2022. The Conference theme was “**Geotechnical Engineering for Sustainable Development**”.

The conference was well attended physically and online by practicing Geotechnical Engineers in Nigeria and parts of Africa from both the industry and the academia. Also in attendance were young geotechnical engineering students from the two universities in the host city. These students were sponsored by the Nigerian Institution of Geotechnical Engineers.

The programme of the three-day event included opening ceremony, plenary keynote and technical sessions, technical visits, Annual General Meeting (AGM), gala dinner, NIGE special award ceremony and closing ceremony, among other activities. The conference was declared opened by the Chairman of the Nigerian Institution of Geotechnical Engineers, Engr. Dr. Will Ibim Beresibo. The conference which was divided into sessions was coordinated by Engr. Dr. Isaac I. Akinwumi.

The opening ceremony was chaired by the President of the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), Engr. Tasiu Sa’ad Gidari-Wudil, FNSE, represented by the NSE Vice President South-South, Engr. Goodluck Tony Akpomemine Ohwodo, FNSE. The event was attended by the Vice President Africa of ISSMGE, Prof. Marawan M. Shahien, who used the opportunity to present ISSMGE Features and Member Benefits to participants.

There were four (4) keynote presentations during the conference. Details of the keynote lectures are as follows:

S/No.	Title	Speaker
1	Sustainability in geotechnical/geo-environmental engineering	Prof. Eberemu, Adrian O
2	Geotechnical engineering insight of the poor state of local content-driven civil engineering infrastructure in Nigeria	Engr Prof. Samuel Uchechukwu Ejezie
3	Laterites and lateritic soils-How special are they?	Prof. Ampadu, S. I. K
4	Lateral earth pressure of soft improved ground due to stone column installation: analysis and performance	Prof. Marawan M. Shahien

There were also nine (9) technical paper presentations from consulting geotechnical engineers and the academia. Each of the technical sessions was followed by questions, interaction and discussions.

On the last day of the conference, the participants were taken for a technical visit to two different sites namely the Rivers State Magistrate Building Complex construction site the construction yard of Trevi Foundation Nigeria Limited.

During the gala night, seven (7) members of the society received special awards in recognition for their contributions towards the growth of the Nigerian member society. They include: Engr. Prof. Youpele O. Beredugo, Engr. Enoch A. J. George, Engr. Prof. Samuel U. Ejezie, Engr. Prof. Yinusa A. Jimoh, Engr. Fidelis K. Ejikeme, Engr. Dr. Joseph I. Folayan and Engr. Roland O. Aborowa

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Cross section of participants



Cross section of participants at the conference



Technical visit to precast concrete pile construction yard



Plaque presentation for keynote speakers



Group picture taken at the second technical visit to a construction site