

## NEWS ON RECENT CONFERENCE

### Report on 18SEAGC & 1AGSSEAC

Dr. Ooi Teik Aun, President of the Southeast Asian Geotechnical Society

The Southeast Asian Geotechnical Society (SEAGS) successfully held its most important conference (18SEAGC & 1AGSSEAC; the 18th Southeast Asian Geotechnical Conference cum Inaugural AGSSEA Conference) on 29 - 31 May 2013 in Singapore with more than 350 participants. The conference was organized by the Geotechnical Society of Singapore (GeoSS) under the auspices of the Southeast Asian Geotechnical Society and the Association of Geotechnical Societies in Southeast Asia (AGSSEA) and co-organized by the Society for Rock Mechanics & Engineering Geology (Singapore) (SRMEG) and supported by the SIMSG and ISSMGE.

The Organizing Chairman Prof C. F. Leung with S. H. Goh as Secretary and R. F. Shen as the Treasurer and other committee members did an excellent job to bring about a very successful conference.

There were 7 Keynote Lectures namely:-

- Keynote 1 (ZC Moh Lecture) "Use of Numerical Analysis with Eurocode 7" delivered by Prof Brian Simpson,
- Keynote 2 (Chin Fung Kee Lecture) "Drafting a National Annex to Eurocode 7 - The Malaysia Experience" delivered by Mr. Tan Yang Kheng,
- Keynote 3 (S L Lee Lecture) "Is Site Investigation an Investment or Expense? - A Reliability Perspective" delivered by Prof K. K. Phoon,
- Keynote 4 "Study of Negative Skin Friction on Pile Subject to Surcharge and Ground Subsidence" delivered by Dr. S. M. Woo,
- Keynote 5 "Strength and Durability of Calcium Carbide Residue Stabilized Clay in Pavement Applications" delivered by Prof. S. Horpibulsuk,
- Keynote 6 "Spatial Variations in Groundwater Response during Deep Tunnelling" delivered by Dr. L. J. Endicott, and
- Keynote 7 "The Application of Ground Improvement Techniques in Indonesia" delivered by T. L. Gouw.

The 3-day conference also attracted 145 technical papers which were all presented by the presenters in parallel sessions. Hard bound and soft copies of the proceedings of over 1000 pages were produced and given to the participants.

The conference was made possible by the generous financial support of the sponsors and exhibitors. Their efforts to make this conference a success are greatly appreciated and acknowledged.

To the participants, I thank you for your support and I have no doubt that you have greatly benefited from the exchange of ideas during the conference.

In conjunction with the conference, the respective council meeting of SEAGS & AGSSEA and the General meeting of SEAGS members were also held to bring about the following conclusions;

- Dr. T. A. Ooi and Prof K. Y. Yong were re-elected as President and Chairman of the SEAGS and AGSSEA, respectively.
- Dr. Noppadol Phienwej was elected as the Honorary Secretary General Cum Treasurer of SEAGS.
- Ir. Kenny Yee was re-elected Honorary Secretary General and Prof Charles Ng as Treasurer respectively of the AGSSEA.
- Prof A. S. Balasubramaniam and Prof D. T. Bergado were elected as honorary member of the SEAGS in recognition of their services to SEAGS.
- The meetings also confirmed Prof A. S. Balasubramaniam as the Editor-in-Chief of the SEAGS-AGSSEA Journal.

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The meetings also confirmed that the 19SEAGC-2AGSSEA will be held in Hanoi, Vietnam in 2016. This conference will be organized by the Vietnamese Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering under the auspices of the Southeast Asian Geotechnical Society (SEAGS) and the Association of Geotechnical Societies in Southeast Asia (AGSSEA).

The SEAGS & AGSSEA also produced and distributed complimentary copies of CD on the collection of past journal papers for 1970 - 2012 during the conference. The CD will be useful to practitioners and researchers alike.

On 28th May 2013, a one day conference was held successfully for the young geotechnical engineers (see report by Dr. Victor Ong Chee Wee). Its report is available in the latter part of this article.

The following photos show some record of the proceedings of the events.



President GeoSS, Mr. Chua Tong Seng delivering his welcoming speech



Dr. Ooi Teik Aun, President SEAGS delivering his welcome message



Prof. K. Y. Yong, Chairman of AGSSEA, delivering his welcome speech



Prof. Askar Zhussupbekov, Vice President of ISSMGE for Asia, delivering his message

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Presenting memento to Prof. Askar Zhussupbekov, Vice President of ISSMGE for Asia



Ceremony of Awarding of Prof. C.F. Leung by Honorable Medal by the name of Academic Aytaliev



In appreciation of Dr. Za-Chieh Moh for his services to SEAGS & AGSSEA



Prof. Brian Simpson delivering his Z C Moh Lecture



Prof. K Y Yong presenting memento to Prof. Brian Simpson



SEAGS & AGSSEA Council Meetings in progress



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Organizing Committee Dinner



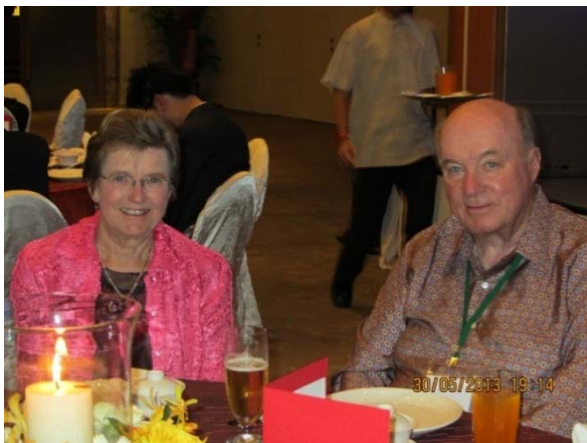
Prof. K K Phoon delivering SL Lee Lecture



Group Photo of Organizing Committee with Council Members of SEAGS, AGSSEA and ISSMGE present at the Conference



Prof. K Y Yong with Dr. Victor Ong and a student helper



Prof. & Mrs. J D Nelson at Conference Banquet



At the Conference Banquet (Left to Right Dr. T A Ooi, Prof. S L Lee and Dr. Z C Moh)

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Photo taken after General Meeting of members of SEAGS

## The 18SEAGC-1AGSSEA Young People Session Report

The 18SEAGC-1AGSSEA Young People Session was held on 28th May, 2013 at the Faculty of Engineering, Engineering Auditorium, National University of Singapore.

The objective of the 18SEAGC-1AGSSEA Young People Session is to promote the development of professional careers for young geotechnical engineers (less than 35 years old) and to enhance international liaison and cooperation between them. Young geotechnical engineers will share their experience, results of work and research, and perspectives on future advancement of the geotechnical profession. There were in total 50 young delegates from 7 countries who attended the session.

Keynote Lectures were presented during the session. The Keynote speakers were Prof. Yong Kwet Yew (*Chairman AGSSEA, Vice President NUS*) and Er. Chua Tong Seng (*President of GeoSS*) with topics focusing on “Planning, Design and Construction of Underground MRT System in Singapore” and “Changes in Geotechnical Engineering,” respectively.

11 contributions from the delegates (Singapore-3 papers, Taiwan-2 papers, Hong Kong-2 papers, Indonesia-1 paper, and SEAGS (Malaysia-1 paper) were received on various geotechnical topics.

#### Roundtable Discussion

The 18SEAGC-1AGSSEA Young People Session hopes to encourage young geotechnical engineer to pursue advanced research works in their field of interest. Suggestions and feedbacks were discussed during the roundtable session. This is the ‘seniors interact with juniors event’ for sharing vital experience and advice by the seniors to the juniors. The following respected and reputable mentors have attended the roundtable discussion with the young delegates:-

Prof. Yong Kwet Yew, Prof. Wong Kai Sin, Dr. John Endicott, Dr. Brian Simpson, Er. Chua Tong Seng, and Ir. Gouw Tjie-Liong.

The 18SEAGC-1AGSSEA Young People Session wishes to thank all the delegates for their presentations & enthusiasm, mentors for the time & feedback, and finally to our generous sponsors. Thank You.

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Keynote speakers Prof. Yong KY (*Chairman AGSSEA, Vice President NUS*) and Er. Chua Tong Seng (*President of GeoSS*)

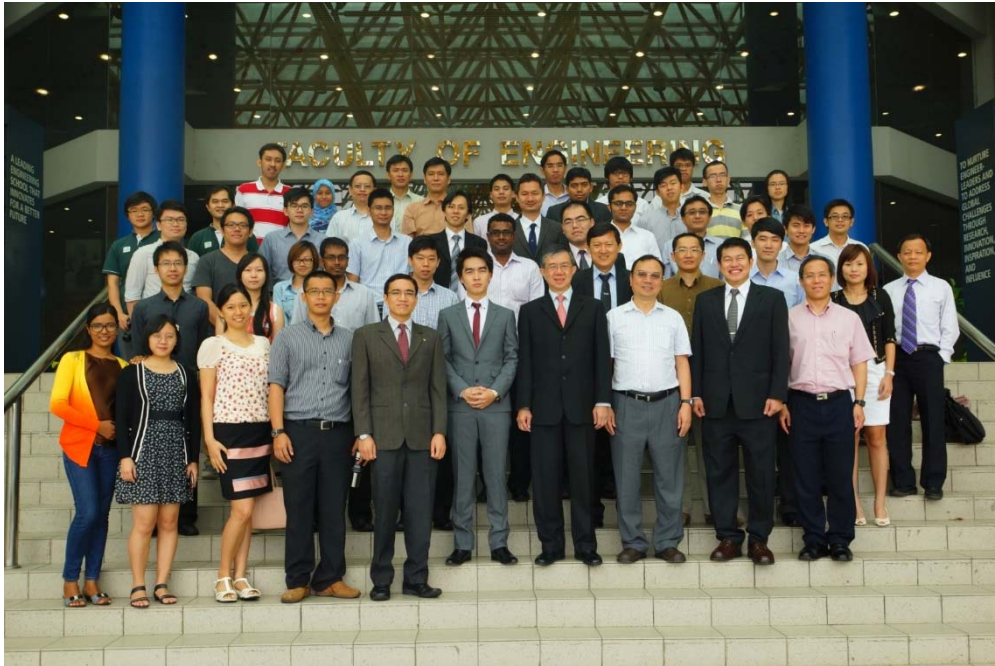


Our young and dynamic delegates



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Group photo of Young delegates with invited Speakers, Chairman and Organizing Committee of the 18SEAGC-1AGSSEA Young People Session



Roundtable discussion between the reputable mentors and the young delegates

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Friendship during the conference