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## **ISSMGE** Heritage Time Capsule

The ISSMGE Heritage Time Capsule Project (HTC) invites you to join us at the 17th Asian Regional Conference on Geotechnical Engineering (17ARC) that will take place on August 14-18 in 2023 at Hilton Astana Hotel, Astana, Kazakhstan. The main theme of the 17ARC is Smart Geotechnics for Smart Societies. Several subjects on modern geotechnical technologies and activities will be covered during this forum. 17ARC shall provide a unique opportunity for the experts and young members of the geotechnical profession to share and exchange ideas on current concerns and explore the new capital of Kazakhstan.

The HTC session organized at the 17ARC shall provide individual members of the ISSMGE from the Asia nations and technical committee members an opportunity to review and reflect on the contributions regarding their reflection on geotechnical achievements. Some of the examples are already published on the ISSMGE website (<a href="https://www.issmge.org/the-society/time-cap-sule/part-a">https://www.issmge.org/the-society/time-cap-sule/part-a</a>). We hope this HTC session can inspire the next generation of geotechnical engineers, make them

next generation of geotechnical engineers, make them aware of the current state of geotechnical engineering programs, and allow them to think about the future of geotechnics.

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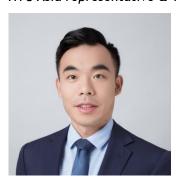
Left: Vice President for Asia, Professor Keh-Jian (Albert) Shou, Middle: ARC17 Chairman, Professor Askar Zhussupbekova, Right: Vice President for Asia (2017-2021), Professor Eun Chul Shin

# ISSMGE Heritage Time Capsule (Con't)

The format of this session will consist of a combination of short talks delivered by the representatives from the member societies, who will outline the current concerns and barriers. A panel discussion is organized after the talks to involve senior and young members and live feedback from the audience. The talks and discussions from this HTC session will then be further developed to derive some strategic goals within the current ISSMGE Presidential term (2022-2026), and required actions against each of the goals shall be documented and shared with the member societies.

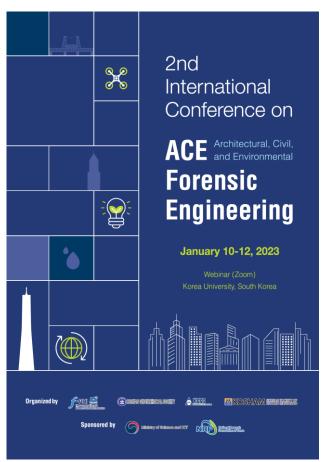
We thank the local organising committee, in particular, the chairman of the organizing committee Professor Askar Zhussupbekova, and his team for their kind offer to accommodate the HTC session at the 17ARC. If you would like to contribute your ideas and/or be part of the discussion at the 17ARC, please contact Dr. Mingliang Zhou (zhoum@tongji.edu.cn). We look forward to seeing you at the 17ARC conference!

Dr. Mingliang Zhou HTC Asia representative & YMPG Core Member



# 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Architectural, Civil, and Environmental (ACE) Forensic Engineering, South Korea

The 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Architectural, Civil, and Environmental (ACE) Forensic Engineering was held as a virtual event on January 10-12, 2023. The conference was hosted by Korean Geotechnical Society, Korean Society of Steel Construction, Korean Society of Hazard Mitigation, and organized by the organizing committee of Hyper-converged Forensic Research Center for Infrastructure. The organizers of 2nd ICACEFE and Prof. Jong-Sub Lee, PI of HFRCI, took up the challenge and chaired the 2<sup>nd</sup> conference. On January 10, 2023, three different sessions under the theme, *Challenges in Geotechnical Engineering*, were held. At the beginning, there was an opening ceremony addressed by Prof. Jong-Sub Lee, followed by the complementary address by Dr. Moonkyung Chung, President of Korean Geotechnical Society. In this conference, from 46 countries more than 500 peoples registered.





The first session, *Underground Geosystems Stability Assessment*, started under the direction of the chair, Prof. Jong-Sub Lee. Two subsequent technical sessions were very well attended, entitled with *Advanced Characterization Techniques for Geo-Infrastructure* and *Forensic Failure Assessment*, respectively. In the two afternoon sessions, active questions and insightful comments on each presentation took place with about 200 attendees. Dr. Marc Ballouz, President of ISSMGE, delivered the invited lecture on *Geotechnical Marriage between Theory & Practice*. On behalf each regional geotechnical society, the invited speakers shared their recent studies on a theory, sensing, deep learning technique, and case studies for forensic engineering.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Architectural, Civil, and Environmental (ACE) Forensic Engineering, South Korea (Con't)

All in all, the dialogue generated between speakers and audience members in these sessions was particularly satisfying, because it showed an engaged geotechnical community. It is expected that 3rd ICACEFE scheduled to be held in 2024 also will be successful with unwavering interest and support.



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Q&A session I



Q&A session II



Q&A session Ⅲ



Closing

## 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 engi-	Prof. Eberemu, Adrian O
	neering	
2	Geotechnical engineering insight of the poor state of local	Engr Prof. Samuel Uchechukwu
	content-driven civil engineering infrastructure in Nigeria	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	Prof. Marawan M. Shahien
	stone column installation: analysis and performance	

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 Sate 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

# Nigerian Institution of Geotechnical Engineers Conference 2022 (Con't)



ISSMGE VP Africa and the Chairman of the Nigerian Institution of Geotechnical Engineers on the left hand most



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

# **ISSMGE Foundation Report**

After making a nearly 24-hour-long journey from Johannesburg to Daejeon, the University of Pretoria delegation was met with friendly faces and exceptional Korean hospitality. Being the only African delegation at the 10th International Conference on Physical Modelling in Geotechnics gave us the responsibility and opportunity to represent our university, country and continent, which we took on proudly. The conference featured the 5th Schofield lecture by Prof. Osamu Kusakabe, in which he spoke fondly of his connection with Prof. Schofield and past Schofield lecturers, and highlighted the key contributions that the Japanese geotechnical community has made to physical modelling. Keynote lectures featured topics from simulation of mechanised tunnelling to offshore wind turbines, from earthquake loading on earth embankments to modelling the behaviour of mine tailings in the centrifuge. The wide array of topics made the conference a great experience for both young researchers and experts in the field.

The work presented by the University of Pretoria delegation was well-received, and included centrifuge modelling of tailings slopes, modelling of soil arching in unsaturated sands, large-scale reinforced concrete piles and scaled-down reinforced concrete for centrifuge modelling. A personal highlight was delivering my first international conference presentation to a packed parallel session hall, and receiving questions and insights from Prof. Jason DeJong and Prof. Bruce Kutter, both of whom have incredible research portfolios and whom I have great respect for. Prof. SW Jacobsz, who is my supervisor, was mentioned extensively throughout the conference, highlighting the contribution that he and the South African community have made to physical modelling in recent history.

The greatest part of attending an international conference was meeting researchers from across the world and connecting on a technical and social level, experiencing new food and cultures, and seeing a part of the world that would not have been possible under any other circumstance. A particular highlight was meeting the Korean delegation and conference organisers by chance at a Korean barbecue restaurant on the final evening of the conference. They gave a true insight into the nature of Korean hospitality, and we shared wonderful conversations over food and drinks.

My first international conference was a brilliant one, and would not have been possible without the generosity of the ISSMGE Foundation. I'd like to personally express my gratitude to the Foundation for sponsoring my travel and conference expenses, and for the immense contribution to my development as a researcher and geotechnical engineer.



Meeting the delegates (me on the left hand most)



During a lab visit

# **Event Diary**

## ISSMGE EVENTS

Please refer to the specific conference website for full details and latest information.

#### 2023

International Conference on Advances in Structural and Geotechnical Engineering

Location: Titanic Palace Resort, Hurghada, Egypt

Dates: 06-03-2023 - 09-03-2023

Language: English

Organiser: Structural Engineering Department - Tanta University;

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#### 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Unsaturated Soils

Milos Conference Centre - George Iliopoulos, Milos Island Greec

Dates: 02-05-2023 - 05-05-2023

Language: English

Organiser: Hellenic Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (HSSMGE)

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## **Underground Construction Prague 2023**

Location: Clarion Congress Hotel Prague, Prague 9, Czech Republic

Dates: 29-05-2023 - 31-05-2023

Language: English

Organiser: The Czech Tunnelling Association ITA-AITES Contact person: Czech Tunnelling Association ITA-AITES

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## 17th Danube - European Conference on Geotechnical Engineering

Location: Ramada Parc, Bucharest, Romania

Dates: 07-06-2023 - 09-06-2022

Language: English

Description

Organiser: Romanian Society for Geotechnical and Foundation Engineering

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#### 9th International Congress on Environmental Geotechnics

Location: Chania, Crete island, Greece,

Dates: 25-06-2023 - 28-06-2023

Language: English

Organiser: Chair: Dimitrios Zekkos, University of California at Berkeley; zekkos@berkeley.edu

Contact person: Dr. Rallis Kourkoulis Email: <u>rallisko@grid-engineers.com</u> Website: https://www.iceg2022.org/

## Numerical Methods in Geotechnical Engineering 2023

Location: Imperial College London, United Kingdom

Dates: 26-06-2023 - 28-06-2023

Language: English

Organiser: Imperial College London

Contact person: numge2023@imperial.ac.uk

Website: http://imperial.ac.uk

#### 17th Asian Regional Geotechnical Engineering Conference

Location: Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan Dates: 14-08-2023 - 18-08-2023

Language: English

Organiser: Kazakhstan Geotechnical Society Contact person: Ms. Bibigul Abdrakhmanova

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## 4th International Symposium of Machine Learning and Big Data In Geoscience

Location: Cork, Ireland, Ireland Dates: 29-08-2023 - 01-09-2023

Language: English

Organiser: University College Cork & TC309 Machine Learning and Big Data

Contact person: Abbey Conference & Events

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Website: <a href="https://www.ismlg2023.com/">https://www.ismlg2023.com/</a>

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## 8<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Deformation Characteristics of Geomaterials

Location: Faculty of Engineering, University of Porto, Portugal,

Dates: 03-09-2023 - 06-09-2023

Language: English

Organiser: TC101-ISSMGE, endorsed by SPG and FEUP

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SUT OSIG 9th International Conference, "Innovative Geotechnologies for Energy Transition"

Location: Imperial College London, UK,

Dates: 12-09-2023 - 14-09-2023

Language: English

Organiser: TC209; Society for Underwater Technology, Offshore Site Investigation & Geotechnics Commit-

tee

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Charles-Augustin Coulomb: A Geotechnical Tribute

Location: Paris, France

Date: 25-09-2023 - 26-09-2023

Language: English

Organiser: CFMS (French Committee for Sols Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering

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#### 28th European Young Geotechnical Engineers Conference and Geogames

Location: National Research Moscow State University of Civil Engineering, Russia, Moscow

Date: 04-10-2023 - 07-10-2023

Language: English

Organiser: Russian Society for Soil Mechanics, Geotechnics and Foundation Engineering

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Construction Resources for Environmentally Sustainable Technologies

Location: Fukuoka International Congress Center, Fukuoka, Japan

Dates: 20-11-2023 - 22-11-

Language: English

Organiser: Kyushu University

Contact person: Secretariat of CREST 2023

Address: Room No. 1124, West Building 2, Kyushu University 744 Motooka, Nishi-ku, Fukuoka, Japan

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Website: <a href="https://www.ic-crest.com/">https://www.ic-crest.com/</a>

The 5th International Conference on Geotechnics for Sustainable Infrastructure Development

Location: National Convention Center (NCC), Hanoi, Vietnam,

Dates: 14-12-2023 - 15-12-2023

Language: English

Organiser: FECON Corporation, Vietnamese Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (VSS-MGE), Japan Geotechnical Society (JGS), Thuyloi University (TLU), and Vietnam Petroleum Institute (VP

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## 2024

### 8th International Conference on Earthquake Geotechnical Engineering

Location: Osaka International Convention Center, Osaka, Japan

Dates: 07-05-2024 - 10-05-2024

Language: English

Organiser: Japanese Geotechnical Society

Contact person: Ryosuke UZUOKA Email: uzuoka.ryosuke.6z@kyoto-u.ac.jp

#### XVIII European Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering

Location: Lisbon, Portugal Dates: 25-08-2024 - 30-08-2024

Language: English Organiser: SPG Contact person: SPG Address: Av. BRASIL, 101 Email: <a href="mailto:spg@lnec.pt">spg@lnec.pt</a>

Website: http://www.spgeotecnia.pt

#### XVII Panamerican Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering

Location: Pucón, Chile

Dates: 12-11-2024 - 17-11-2024 Languages: Spanish - English

Organiser: Chilean Geotechnical Society (SOCHIGE)

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21st International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering

Location: Vienna, Austria Dates: 14-06-2026 - 19-06-2026

Language: English

Organisers: Austrian Geotechnical Society and Austrian Society for Geomechanics

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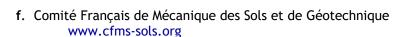


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