AHLAN WA SAHLAN (Welcome to Egypt)

The International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE), the Egyptian Geotechnical Society, the Government of Egypt, and the city of Alexandria cordially invite you to attend the 17th International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (17th ICSMGE) from 5 to 9 October 2009. This quadrennial event, which ranks among the premier events in the field of geotechnical and ground engineering worldwide, is being held at the spectacular, international award-winning Bibliotheca Alexandrina on the coast of the deep blue Mediterranean Sea. A technical exhibition, a major component of the event, will be held in parallel to the conference (5-8 October) to provide companies in the field of geotechnical and ground engineering an opportunity to present their products and services and build business relationships with conference attendees.

The geotechnical challenges the world faces are becoming increasingly more complex and interrelated. Geotechnical engineers have had to expand their thinking and develop new technologies to better integrate socio-economic and environmental issues into engineering solutions at the surface and below ground in our cities and towns, coastal areas and sea beds, and in a global context for the health of the earth. To prepare for the more challenging changes to come, closer collaboration among those who study, research, and practice geotechnical engineering is requisite. Thus, The Academia and Practice of Geotechnical Engineering has been chosen as the main theme of the 17th ICSMGE.

The 17th ICSMGE will provide a forum for academics and practitioners in the geotechnical engineering field to explore the future of our profession and what we must do to assure that we meet society’s needs and expectations. Interactive discussions, led by preeminent leaders in the field, will address the research required to meet ever changing global issues. We will also explore case studies that we can all learn from, and identify the means and value in strengthening relationships among the engineering and construction communities, as well as the general public.

On conference Days 1 and 2, invited lecturers will address each of the five main conference themes: Material Behavior and Testing; Analysis and Design; Prediction, Monitoring and Evaluation of Performance; Construction Process; and Management, Training and Education. On Days 3 and 4, the 17th ICSMGE offers three Technical Sessions and three Paper Presentation/Poster Discussions that will present a range of views and ideas on each of the five main conference themes. Session presenters will be selected by the Conference Organizing Committee from among the nearly 1,000 papers submitted by interested authors.

We invite all geotechnical academics and practitioners to join us in Alexandria in 2009. Egypt, the place where geotechnical engineering essentially began, is the ideal setting to determine our field’s future directions.

We hope that you will join us.

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