Professor Jean-Louis Briaud is President of ISSMGE, the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering and Buchanan Chair Professor at Texas A&M University. He recently travelled to Toronto, Ontario, Canada (30 Sept - 5 Oct 2011) to visit with geotechnical engineers at the PANAM Conference and to attend the ISSMGE Board and Council meetings. The event was organized by Andrew Drevininkas with the help of Wayne Gibson and many others. The conference was a great success with participation from North and South America. The ISSMGE Board met on 1 Oct 2011 where Brian Watts, President of the Canadian Geotechnical Society gave a report. The ISSMGE Council met on 2 Oct 2011 where 26 countries participated and voted on important future developments in ISSMGE.

Right: Jean-Louis Briaud and Jana Frankovska sing the new ISSMGE Song!

Below: ISSMGE Board members and Council members representing several Member Societies.