

Minutes of TC218 Conference Call_Mar.19

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Date of Meeting

Tuesday Mar 5th, 2019

12:00-13:00 PM EST (UTC+1)

Venue

Conference Call

Agenda:

1. Short-term Committee goals - Group 1 and 2

Erol Guler volunteered to head Group 1 on Terminology hence a new call for experts is launched for supporting the existent volunteers. An English mother tongue volunteer would be appreciated for helping in the final editing. Erol is already actively contacting the Team members receiving feedback on definitions from the existing codes (e.g. ISO 10318-1, BS 8006, etc.) related to RSW and reinforcing elements. Erol will develop the scope and set a deadline for his Subcommittee project. Anyone interested in participating is welcome to email Giulia (g.lugli@maccaferri.com) and Erol (eguler@boun.edu.tr).

On Group 2, Pietro Rimoldi collected the answers and documents received by the Subcommittee members. Only one report is still missing, Pietro will contact the experts trying to expedite the process.

2. Short-term Committee goals – Group 3

As previously mentioned, a new topic was proposed to the TC218 Committee for consideration. The Group, suggested and led by Yuli Doulala-Rigby, will work on “Good Construction Practice”. The Executive Board asked for input from the attending members on how to structure the discussion. Yuli was not attending the meeting but was represented by David Woods. The purpose of Group 3 is to support basic best practices common to construction of MSE and RSS projects. The subcommittee will not replace country codes but outline the construction best practices recommended to be observed. The Subcommittee shall proceed as per Group 2: the volunteers, along with the Team Leader, will collect national codes of practice for earthworks and published guidelines, will list the documents for reference and provide a short summary of the contents. Common topics could be summarized, for each application, and translated into a best practices’ guideline.

Volunteers are welcome and can contact the Board Members (John, Jim and Giulia).

Subcommittee reports, when developed, will be distributed to TC218 members for approval. The Approval shall be voted by recognized TC218 members listed on the ISSMGE website (only 2 members per country).

3. On-line Discussion Forum

With the purpose of keeping the conversation and activities engaging, it was proposed to create a new communication channel to openly discuss about selected topics.

Every 2 months, one convenor (a volunteer or invited by the Board) will structure the topic and moderate the discussion. The discussion will be by email, as previously done by some IGS TCs, and the participants will have one week to contribute. Pietro Rimoldi volunteered for the topic "serviceability limit analyses of RSW". Tentatively the Board would like to start before the end of May, but we kindly ask Pietro to select the week based upon his availability.

Next subjects could be selected among the list of topics discussed for ECSMGE 2019 (like GRS IBS Technology, Two-Stage MSE Walls, Reinforced soil bridge abutments and wing walls in seismic conditions, etc.).

The call for expert is open. Anyone willing to volunteer can email Giulia.

4. Next TC218 Committee Meeting: ECSMGE 2019

Next official TC218 Committee Meeting will be at the 17th European Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ECSMGE) in Reykjavik, Iceland in September 2019.

The technical parallel session, as per TC218 members choice, will promote a no paper presentation session with the aim of drawing a large crowd. The 110 minutes session will include 10 presentations: 6 presentations are related to the conference accepted paper while 4 presentations can be done by TC218 members. 2 topics were selected for the remaining presentations:

1. Extreme conditions, displacement and serviceability of MSE walls,
2. Analysis of the most used international Codes.

TC218 Members interested in presenting are welcome to email the Committee Board.

5. Updates on Conferences and Future Workshops

The Attendees have been updated on the next relevant workshops and conferences of 2019 and 2020.

The mentioned conferences are listed below:

- 7 ICEGE 2019 - International Conference on Earthquake Geotechnical Engineering (Rome, June 17-20, 2019)
<http://www.7icege.com/>
- EuroGeo 7 – 7th European Geosynthetics Congress – IGS (Warsaw, September 2-9, 2020)
<https://www.geosyntheticssociety.org/event/eurogeo-7-7th-european-geosynthetics-congress/>
- GeoAmericas 2020 (Rio de Janeiro, April 26-29, 2020)
<https://www.geoamericas2020.com/>

4. Closure of the Conference call

Several ISSMGE Regional meetings are foreseen for 2019 and listed in the website:

<https://www.issmge.org/events>

If TC218 Members believe the Committee should get involved in a specific conference, the Board would be pleased to solicit a workshop.

Next conference call will be on Tuesday June 4th, 2019 – 12 PM GMT+8 capturing mainly Asia/Australia.

Attendees at TC218 Committee Conference Call – Sept. 4th, 2018

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