

**ISSMGE FOUNDATION
REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

<p>Your Name: MSc. Ing. Yoermes González Haramboure</p>	<p>Your Organization: Cuban Technical Committee for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (CTNMSIG).</p>	<p>Date of report: 26/10/2011</p>
<p>Conference Title: 14 Pan-American Conference for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering</p>	<p>Location of Conference: Sheraton Centre Hotel, Toronto, Canada.</p>	<p>Dates of Conference: 2-6 Oct 2011</p>
<p>What you learned: This event was a good opportunity for me to meet well-known senior professionals in the fields of Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering, as well as managers of recognized companies (WorleyParsons Canada, Bentley, GeoSolv, Geo-Slope, Plaxis, etc). I was able to participate in the Technical Sessions on Embankments and Dikes (ED), Shallow Foundations (SF) and Unsaturated Soils Behaviour (US), as well as learn more about recent research, case studies, and new construction projects. I took part in the ISSMGE Council Meeting and the Pan-American Societies Chairmen's Meeting, representing the Cuban member society.</p>		
<p>People you met:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Roberto Terzariol – Vice-President of the ISSMGE for South-America. 2. Prof. Roberto Quental Coutinho, MSc. PhD, Pos-PhD. - Geotechnical Group, Civil Engineering Department, Federal University of Pernambuco, Brasil. 3. Dr. Raúl Vicente Orozco Santoyo – Geotechnical Specialist, Mexico. 4. Prof. Héctor Moreno – UNAM, Mexico. 5. Prof. Edgar Méndez S., MSc. - Geoinformatic Labs., UNAM, Mexico. 6. Prof. Joaquin Quiroga – Geotechnical Department Manager, WorleyParsons Canada. 7. Prof. Mónica F. Bedoya Martínez, MSc. - National University of Colombia. 8. Prof. Cesar Hidalgo - National University of Colombia. 9. Prof. Mario Camilo Torres Suárez - National University of Colombia. 10. Andrea Elliott – Geotechnical Product Sales Specialist, Canada. 11. P. Eng. Mark Tigchelaar – GEOSOLV, Canada. 12. Sra. Paloma Peers - Administrative Officer, ISSMGE. 		
<p>Main features of conference: The Conference included the main topics related to embankments and dikes, shallow and deep foundations, field and laboratory testing, rock engineering, geoenvironmental issues and earthquakes, and many more topics. It was also an opportunity to attend other important activities for the ISSMGE like the Council Meeting, the Pan-American Committee Meeting, and the 5th Teaching and Learning of Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering.</p>		

Your comments on the conference:

I considered all presentations in the Technical Sessions to be excellent, particularly those in the session on Embankments and Dikes (ED). The Event was well organized and I would like to thank the ISSMGE Foundation and the Organizing Committee for their great efforts in helping the Cuban Delegation.

Please attach short report (maximum 400 words) suitable for publication in the ISSMGE Bulletin:

14 Pan-Am CGS - Cuban Delegation Report :

MSc. Ing. Yoermes González Haramboure; Secretary of the CTNMSIG from Cuba.

Dr. Ing. Gilberto Quevedo Sotolongo; Member of the CTNMSIG from Cuba.

October 2, 2011: The Cuban delegates attended the ISSMGE Council Meeting.

That day, the South and North American delegates held a working lunch, and discussed the creation of the Latin-American Journal for Geotechnics in Spanish, the venue of the next Pan-American Committee Meeting, and the venue of the next Pan-American Conference. At the meeting, the Cuban delegates reported on the recent journals that the ISSMGE send to Cuba, and on upcoming events of the National Committee in Cuba.

October 3, 2011: The Cuban delegates attend the Plenary and Technical Sessions ED1, ED2, ED3, US1, US2 and US3.

That day, the Cuban delegates had a working lunch with delegates from Argentina and Venezuela, at which they discussed the curricula of Geotechnical disciplines at their respective Universities.

October 4, 2011: The Cuban delegates attended Plenary and Technical Sessions ED4, HY1, DF1, DF2, DF3 and SF1.

In the afternoon, the Cuban delegates took part in the Pan-American Societies Committee Meeting at which they discussed the amendments to the agreement for the Pan-American Conferences. At this Meeting, the members of the Pan-American Societies approved Buenos Aires as the venue for the next Pan-American Conference in October 2015.

October 5, 2011: The Cuban delegates attended Plenary and Technical Sessions DF4, DF5 and DF6, and the Special Session of Teaching and Learning of Geotechnical Engineering in the American Continent. Finally, the Cuban delegates attended the Closing Ceremony.

Photographs from Conference:

Working lunch, 2nd October 2011



Working lunch, 3rd October 2011 – Delegates from Cuba, Argentina and Venezuela



Prof. Morgenstern – ISSMGE 75th Anniversary Luncheon

