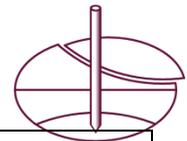




**ISSMGE FOUNDATION  
REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

<b>Your Name:</b> Zoltan Ban	<b>Your Organization:</b> Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Budapest, Hungary	<b>Date of report:</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> of October
<b>Conference Title:</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> International Young Geotechnical Engineers' Conference (iYGEC6) & 19 <sup>th</sup> International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (19 <sup>th</sup> ICSMGE)	<b>Location of Conference:</b> Seoul, Republic of Korea	<b>Dates of Conference:</b> 16-22 September, 2017
<b>What you learned:</b> Attending the conferences was highly beneficial for my professional development as a young engineer. The high-quality keynote lectures gave me comprehensive overview of many topics (such as unsaturated soil mechanics), in which I didn't have too much previous knowledge and experience. Keynote lectures that matched my professional interest gave me insight to the newest researches and results. These lectures were also helpful to set the direction of my future academic research. The parallel sessions were good opportunity to learn differences in research interest and way of thinking of engineers and researchers arriving from all over the world.		
<b>People you met:</b> In both conferences I met and talked with numerous participants. Some of them were from neighbouring countries whom I've already known or talked before, but I also had the opportunity to have professional discussions with young engineers from farther countries. A few names I have met: Prof. Ana Petkovsek (Slovenia) Janko Logar (Slovenia) Bálint Péntzes (Denmark) Péter Nagy (Austria) Kyle Rollins (USA) Muhsin Elie Rahhal (Lebanon)		
<b>Main features of conference:</b> The iYGEC6 was a two-day long conference, which started on September 16, 2017 with an opening ceremony and the closed on the evening of the following day with a closing ceremony. The conference featured two keynote lectures 8 parallel sessions. A gala dinner was organized on the evening of the first day, which was a fantastic opportunity to discuss with and get to know fellow young engineers from all over the world. The main conference (19 <sup>th</sup> ICSMGE) started on September 17, 2017 with a welcome reception. The keynote lectures were presented on the following two days by acknowledged members of the society including both professionals and university		



professors. The gala dinner was scheduled after the second day of keynote lectures. The parallel sessions were held on 21-22 September when brief presentations were given by attendees from various nations. During the conference an Exhibition Hall allowed companies and organizations to introduce themselves, and the hall also gave place to the Poster Section.

***Your comments on the conference:***

Both conferences were professionally organized, and the organizers were very helpful and welcoming. The keynote lectures covered a wide range of topics, so everybody could find lectures that were interesting for themselves. The lunch and coffee breaks provided great opportunities to get to know each other and discuss with other participants. The COEX Center was an excellent choice for organizing the event, the main lecture hall was worthy of the high-quality keynote lectures. However, it was a little strange that the following conference at COEX was organized simultaneously with the ICSMGE conference, and sometimes the participants were mixed, and we had to walk across the other conference's stands. But this was probably due to the very busy conference schedule of the location.

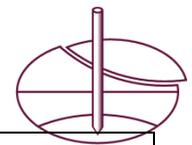
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The 6<sup>th</sup> International Young Geotechnical Engineers' Conference (iYGEC6) and the 19<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (19<sup>th</sup> ICSMGE) took place in Seoul between September 16 and September 22, 2017.

The iYGEC6 was a two-day long conference prior to the main event, which started with an opening ceremony and the closed on the evening of the following day with a closing ceremony. The conference featured two keynote lectures 8 parallel sessions. A gala dinner was organized on the evening of the first day. The conference took place in the Seoul National University, which gave us the opportunity to have a brief glance on the campus.

The main conference (19<sup>th</sup> ICSMGE) started on September 17, 2017 with a welcome reception and with an opening ceremony on the following morning. The opening ceremony featured a very prestigious guest, Ban Ki-moon, the former Secretary-General of the United Nations; we were greatly honoured by his attendance. The keynote lectures were presented on the first two days by acknowledged members of the society including both professionals and university professors. The gala dinner was scheduled after the second day of keynote lectures. The parallel sessions were held on 21-22 September when brief presentations were given by attendees from various nations. During the conference an Exhibition Hall allowed companies and organizations to introduce themselves, and the hall also gave place to the Poster Section.

Overall, both conferences were professionally organized, and the organizers were very helpful, and we received warm-hearted welcome. All participants got a welcome package including the program book and the proceedings as well as other useful gifts, such as transportation tickets and city guides. These helped the visitors to explore Seoul and its sights and to make unforgettable cultural experiences in the country besides developing as a geotechnical engineer.



**Photographs from Conference:** Insert here or attach to email



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During my presentation at iYGEC6