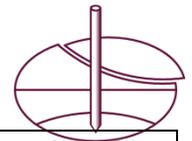




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REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

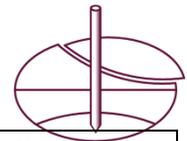
Your Name: Kaushik Bandyopadhyay	Your Organization: Jadavpur University, Kolkata, India	Date of report: October 7, 2017
Conference Title: 19 th International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (19 th ICSMGE 2017)	Location of Conference: Seoul, Republic of Korea	Dates of Conference: 17 – 22 September, 2017
What you learned: <p>The participation in the conference provided the present researcher with a great opportunity to interact with leading stalwarts in the field of Geotechnical Engineering and gain an insight into their on-going research activities. The paper entitled, “Failure of Stone Columns and Means of Rectification for Tank Foundations over Soft Soil Deposit” was presented at the ATC 7 workshop on Geotechnical Issues and Practices on Deltaic Deposits and Highly Compressible Soils and acclaimed great applause from the Chairman and other members and participants. The present researcher feels honoured to have been inducted into the core committee of the ATC 7 henceforth.</p> <p>The present author was privileged to become part of the Indian delegation to the 2nd Indo-Korea Workshop on “Geotechnical Challenge for Megacities”. The paper entitled, “Seismic Dilatometer Test for Clayey Soil in Rajarhat Area of Kolkata” was presented there. All the papers from the Korean side as well as Indian one were of very high standard and the overall discussion session was very useful.</p> <p>By attending this conference, the present researcher got an opportunity to pay tribute to a great scientist and Geotechnical engineer, Prof. Marchetti by attending Prof. Silvano Marchetti Memorial Session on In-Situ Testing. The lectures by Prof. Michele Jamiolkowski and Prof. Paul W. Mayne were particularly very informative. The concluding lecture by Er. Diego Marchetti touched everyone’s heart present in the session.</p>		
People you met: The present author got an opportunity to come across many old friends and make acquaintance with new scholars from across the globe. Names of some of them are mentioned below. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Prof. Roger Frank – Immediate Past President, ISSMGE2. Dr. John Powell – GEOLABS, UK3. Prof. Mark Randolph – The University of Western Australia4. Prof. Jin Man Kim – Pusan National University, Korea5. Prof. Yun Tae Kim – Pukyung National University, Korea		
Main features of conference:		



The unique features of this conference were marked by several new concepts introduced by the organisers. First of all, in the logo, the five colours of the Olympic Flag was conceptualised with stratum to demonstrate harmonious contributions representing living organisms, ground waters and stratum, the role of soil and the foundation of life. It imparted a great opportunity to pursue mutual understanding and collaboration between experts in the field of academics, researchers and persons from industry. Organization of all the sessions including plenary and parallel ones was very commendable. The event of the Gala dinner was a marvellous one where the guests got a chance to taste the delicacies of Korean cuisine as well as folk art. Proximity of most of the hotels facilitated the participants to attend all the events late in the night even and return the next day for listening to the early morning sessions. Last but not the least, the time of the conference was just right as the weather was very soothing in the Korean capital and vast space of the conference venue gave the participants a feel-good –factor.

Your comments on the conference:

The present author is delighted to have been able to attend such a gala event organized in a very professional and well planned manner. The present researcher is pleased to express his heartfelt thanks to the organizers for presenting the Geotechnical world community such a beautiful event. It was attended by most of the well renowned experts in the field of Geotechnical Engineering. It gave a great opportunity to rub shoulders with these big personalities during breaks when they happily interacted in a very jovial mood with everyone who approached even budding researchers and students.



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The 19th ICSMGE 2017 was held at COEX convention centre in Seoul, Korea. The theme of the conference was well chosen with the aim of bridging the gaps between past and future, between young and senior engineers and between developing and developed nations.

The conference was attended by around 2000 participants from almost all corners of the world. There were Honours lectures, Special lectures, Parallel sessions and Poster sessions.

It started with a gala opening ceremony in a grand auditorium followed by plenary lectures by renowned experts in the field of Geotechnical engineering. All these deliberations were of extra-ordinary quality. Some of these are worth mentioning, e.g., “Terzaghi Oration” by Prof. Peter Day, “Bishop Lecture” by Prof. David Muir Wood, “Schofield Lecture” by Prof. Mark Randolph.

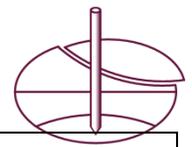
The organizers selected the topics in a very commendable way so as to incorporate new and emerging fields also find their due importance. Notable amongst these was the special lecture delivered by Prof. Sivakumar Babu GL from IISc, India on the “Role of Stress Deformation behaviour of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) in landfill design”.

Meetings of all the technical committees were held in a very systematic and punctual manner in well- organized smart rooms. The present author attended the meeting of the ATC 7 committee and is privileged to become part of the core committee henceforth. Special thanks are extended to the Chair, Prof. Jin Man Kim from Pusan National University, Korea for his encouraging eulogies for the paper presented by this author.

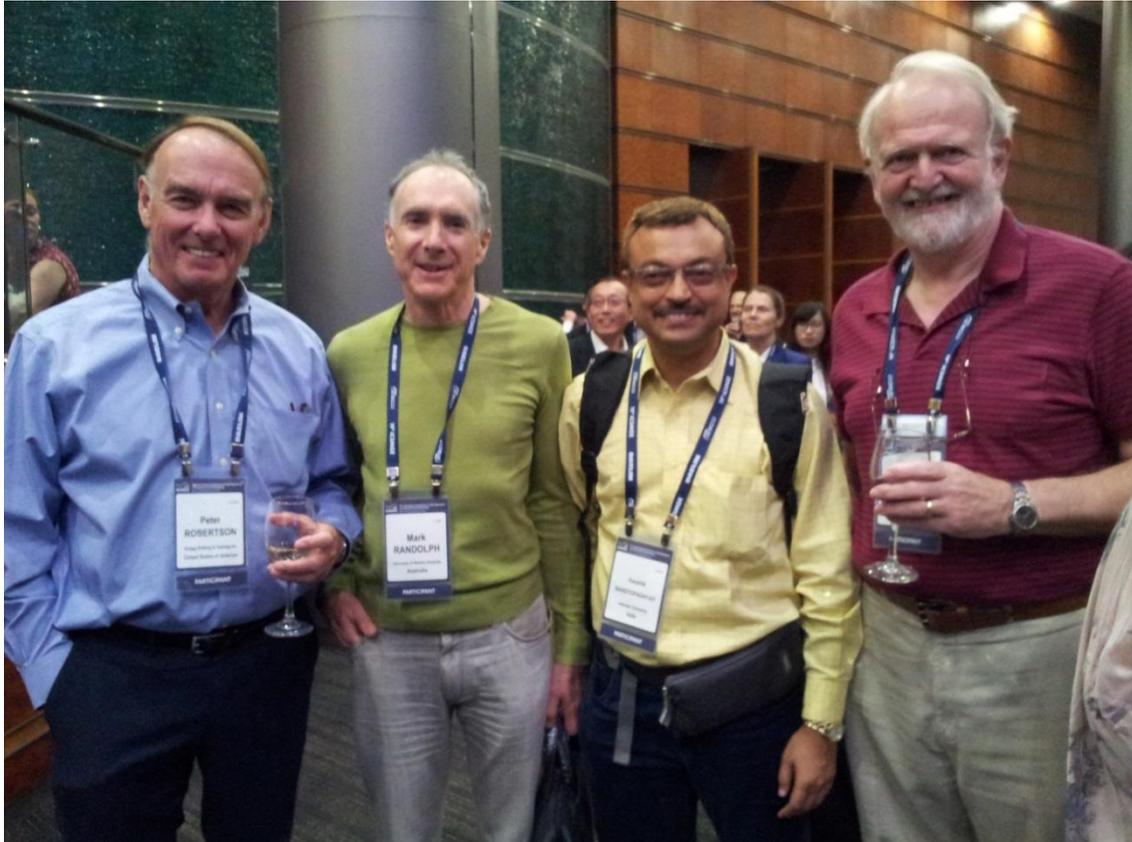
Being a member of the TC 102 committee, the present researcher feels proud to have successfully organized the “Prof. Silvano Marchetti Memorial Session on In-Situ Testing” under the able leadership of Prof. Antonio Viana da Fonseca from University of Porto. It was attended by most of the eminent scholars in the field of In-situ testing. Hope that Er. Diego Marchetti, will steer through all the obstacles to raise DMT testing to new heights fulfilling the unfinished dreams of his great father.

Finally, the present author would like to sincerely acknowledge the financial aid extended by the ISSMGE foundation for attending this conference.

The author will be failing in his duty if he does not mention the contributions and timely support provided by his parent national body namely, the Indian Geotechnical Society and its office-bearers. Thanks are also due to the organizers from this society for their kind inclusion of the author’s work for presentation at the 2nd Indo-Korea workshop held during this conference.



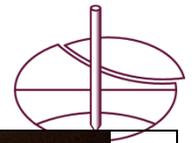
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Photograph 1. Group photograph with living legends, namely Prof. Robertson, Prof. Randolph and Dr. John Powel (from left to right).



Photograph 2. Group photograph with ATC 7 office-bearers with the Chairman, Prof. Jin Man Kim (2nd from right), Vice-Chair, Prof. Yun Tae Kim (extreme left) and Secretary, Tae Hyung Kim (extreme right).



Photograph 3. Photograph taken during presentation by the author at the ATC 7 workshop.



Photograph 4. Group photograph with President of the Indian Geotechnical Society, Prof. Sivakumar Babu GL (second from right) and other Indian delegates.