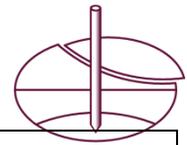




**ISSMGE FOUNDATION
REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

<p>Your Name: Denise Samuella Boadu</p>	<p>Your Organization: Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana</p>	<p>Date of report: 17th October 2017</p>
<p>Conference Title: 6th International Young Geotechnical Engineers Conference and 19th International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering</p>	<p>Location of Conference: Seoul , Korea</p>	<p>Dates of Conference: 16th -17th and 17th - 22nd September 2017</p>
<p>What you learned:</p> <p>The Young Geotechnical Engineers Conference offered an opportunity for young ones in the practice and academia to meet and share ideas in on-going research as well as possible research areas. It offered the opportunity for constructive criticisms on my work, most importantly the international view to enrich my research. Specifically the main thing I carried back home from the conference is the inclusion of Unsaturated Soil Mechanics in our designs especially coming from the tropics; reanalysing design calculation of CBR using different degree of saturations to reduce cost of road pavements since the subgrade is not likely to be 100% saturated as we usually design it. Also, keynote address on Ethics and Leadership during the young members' conference gave me a sense of responsibility to help build a strong geotechnical community with integrity.</p>		
<p>People you met:</p> <p>This conference offered me the opportunity to meet a whole range of people, old and new, young and senior. More importantly for me I had the opportunity to see a few of the big names behind geotechnical engineering whose theories I have studied in class. A few are listed below:</p> <p>Moonkyung Chung (iYGEC6 LOC Chair) David Muir Wood (University of Dundee) Delwyn G. Fredlund (Canada) David Toll (Durham University, UK) Peter Day (South Africa) Jean Potgieter(South Africa) Jasna Smolar (Slovenia) Lucy Wu (YMPG Chair)</p>		



Main features of conference:

Main features of both conferences included the following;

1. Opening and Closing sessions
2. Keynote Addresses
3. Honour Lectures
4. Parallel technical sessions
5. Welcome Reception
6. Gala Dinner
7. Snack and Lunch Breaks
8. Tourist Attractions
9. Technical Visits
10. Exhibitions

Your comments on the conference:

Both conferences were very well organised. The venues were perfect for the purpose, comprising of state of the art facilities, spacious enough for the large numbers, well packaged lunch and snacks, interesting activities by the tourism group to partake in during breaks, as well as shopping centres.

Academically it offered a wide range of technical presentations on activities within the geotechnical community in the last 4 years. Honour lectures most importantly backed the theme of the conference “**Unearth The Future Connect Beyond**”; as a young engineer meeting and listening to our old and prominent engineers facing out gave me the sense of urgency and motivation to take up the mantle and continue the good works to bridge the research gap.

The effort of the ISSMGE and Organising community in helping young ones financially to be able to benefit from the international platform is also a very commendable and generous act.

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

6th International Young Geotechnical Engineers Conference, 16th-17th September 2017, National University of Seoul (Global Education Center for Engineers)

19th International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering, 17th -22nd September 2017, COEX, Seoul, South Korea

The 6th International Young Geotechnical Engineers Conference (iYGEC6) and the 19th International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (19th ICSMGE) were both organised and successfully hosted by the Korean Geotechnical Society under the auspices of the International Society of Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering. The two-day iYGEC6 started with an opening ceremony which included a welcome addresses from by Prof Moonkyung Chung, Prof Roger Frank and Prof Sangseom Jeong. The young members conference featured two key note lectures by Prof. Choong-Ki Chung and Prof. Za-Chieh Moh. About 70 technical papers were presented by young engineers from across 55 different countries which provided a good platform for young ones to share research ideas

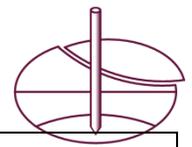


together. A fun filled gala dinner was held where young engineers had enough time to socialise. iYGEC6 came to close on the 17th with a closing report by Prof. Mookyung Chung and a welcome reception by the 19th ICSMGE.

The 19th ICSMGE organized under the theme, “Unearth the Future Connect Beyond” consisted of an Opening Ceremony with a Key note address by Banki Moon as well as spectacular display of the Korean Culture. This was followed by lectures in Honour of Terzaghi, Bishop, James K. Mitchell, Gregory Tschebotarioff, Blight, Heritage, Schofield, Proctor, Ishihara, Louis Menard, R.K. Rowe, Kerisel, and Suzanne Lacasse, Parallel sessions of technical presentations, Technical Committees discussions, Closing Ceremony and Technical Visits. Honor lectures were provided by Professors David Muir Wood (UK), John Powell (UK), Mark Randolph (Australia), Delwyn G. Fredlund (Canada), Chris Haberfield (Australia), Antonio Gomes Correia (Portugal), Carlo Viggiani (Italy), Jonathan D Bray (USA), Buddhima Indraratna (Australia), Mario Manassero (Italy), Farrokh Nadim (Norway). The Closing Ceremony, saw the introduction of the new President of ISSMGE, Professor Charles Ng and his administration. This was followed by technical visits to the Incheon International Airport and Sihwa Lake Tidal Power Station

The International Conferences were both well organized giving chance to the young and old, to add on to technical expertise and knowledge, meeting old and new friends and also a relaxed atmosphere. It was indeed the place to be. I have learnt a lot from this conference which will help me in my geotechnical pursuit until we meet again in Australia 2021.

I thank the ISSMGE Foundation for supporting me to attend, and also Dr. Nicks, the outgoing YMPG chair for her active role in getting the younger generation on board.



Photographs from Conference: Insert here or attach to email



Figure 1 Time with Exhibitors and Tourism team



Figure 2 After Presenting at iygec6

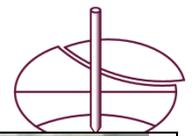


Figure 3 At 19th ICSMGE with Dr. Fredlund