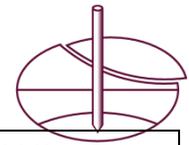




**ISSMGE FOUNDATION
REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

<p>Your Name: Aleksandra Chepurnova</p>	<p>Your Organization: NIIOSP – JSC Research Centre of Construction, Moscow, Russia</p>	<p>Date of report: 01.10.2017</p>
<p>Conference Title: 6th International Young Geotechnical Engineers' Conference (iYGEC6) and 19th International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (19th ICSMGE)</p>	<p>Location of Conference: Seoul, Korea</p>	<p>Dates of Conference: 16-17 September 2017 – iYGEC6 17-22 September 2017 – 19th ICSMGE</p>
<p>What you learned:</p> <p>Participation in the international conference provides an incomparable experience not only in public speaking, but also gives the possibility of personal discussion with colleagues working in the same field, both young and more experienced. It is especially valuable to get acquainted with people whose works has been studied.</p> <p>The two conferences (6 days of lectures and parallel sections) revealed the actual problems that geotechnical engineers around the world are engaged in. Among them are the slope stability analysis, soil-structure interaction, reliability analysis, deep-foundations and retaining structures, geotechnical modelling and physical testing.</p> <p>Additionally to the scientific benefits of the conference, I want to mention the lecture on Ethic and Leadership presented by Dr. Za-Chieh Moh (MAA Droup, Taiwan). In this outstanding lecture were voiced questions that are rarely discussed at technical events, namely the responsibility of the engineer for the decisions made, professional ethics and human morality, qualities and the role of the leader in team as a keystone to successful work. I am convinced that such lectures are very important and especially for young engineers, so that we do not forget that all our work is aimed at providing safe, reliable and comfortable conditions for life.</p>		
<p>People you met:</p> <p>The ICSMGE gave a unique opportunity to real-life communication with professors, senior engineers, leaders of academia, industry and consultancy as well as establish new contacts with young engineers from all over the world. I was excited to meet the president of ISSMGE, Prof. Roger Frank and some of the ISSMGE board members for the second time. It was a pleasure to meet prof. Moonkyung Chung (Chair of iYGEC6), prof. Sangseom Jeong, (President of Korean Geotechnical Society), Dr. Dimitrios Zekkos (Chair of IDC, ISSMGE), Prof. Charles Ng the newly elected President of ISSMGE.</p> <p>Also I was happy to meet members of the YMPG and our board liaisons!</p>		
<p>Main features of conference:</p>		



The main feature of the conferences is the attention to the work of young engineers, bridging gap between “young and less young” engineers. In the tight conference program, which included ISSMGE Honours Lectures, Plenary Session, Parallel Sections, iYGEC, workshops and TC meetings, Poster Session, Technical visit and exhibition, there was also time to organize the first YMPG workshop.

It's nice to note that the iYGEC still retains the spirit of a "home" conference, less formal than ICSMGE, but leaves the competitive base, because awardees present 7 min talk during the ICSMGE.

Your comments on the conference:

Many thanks to the entire Organizing Committee for leading-up and holding the conferences at a such high level, for an individual approach and attention to detail. Everything was very stylish and innovative with respect to the past (especially the Opening Ceremony). Special thanks for organizing transfer to the venue of the conferences.

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

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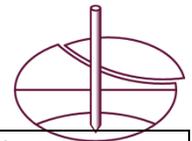
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Russian Society for Soil Mechanics, Geotechnics and Foundation Engineering (RSSMGFE)
Nominee: Aleksandra Chepurnova

The 2017 year edition of the quadrennial International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering was held by Korean Geotechnical Society (KGS) and took place in Seoul, Republic of Korea. The event consisted of 2-days International Young Geotechnical Engineers' Conference (iYGEC6) and 5-days 19th International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (19th ICSMGE). These two conferences covered all main issues of geotechnical engineering and soil mechanics though Plenary reports, Discussion sessions and meetings organised by technical committees.

Participation in the international conference provides an incomparable experience not only in public speaking, but also gives leaders of academia, consultancy and industry a chance to get together and discuss the changes that are going on in their field. Two conferences (9 lectures, 734 oral presentations and 320 posters in total) revealed the actual problems that geotechnical engineers around the world are engaged in, namely: slope stability analysis, soil-structure interaction, risk assessment, deep-foundations and retaining structures, physical modelling and testing, etc.

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The ICSMGE offers a unique opportunity to real-life communication with professors, senior engineers, leaders of academia, industry and consultancy as well as numerous young engineers from all over the world. In this case organisation the first YMG workshop got a chance for younger members and senior engineers to discuss the role of younger members in the profession, their member societies, and the ISSMGE. As a member of the YMPG, I was fortunate to be involved in the organisation and moderation the first workshop.

I would like to express my appreciation to ISSMGE Foundation in general and prof. J-L Briaud personally for the opportunity to attend such first-class conferences and for the grant. Many thanks to the entire Organizing Committee for leading-up and holding the conferences at such a high level, for an individual approach and attention to details. Everything was very stylish and innovative with respect to the past (especially the Opening Ceremony).

Photographs from Conference:



During presenting my paper “Evaluation of the jet-grouting material parameters conducted in soft soil based on probabilistic analysis” at Ground Improvement session.



Group photo of the iYGEC6 participants (I am on the right of the KGS president prof. Sang Seom Jeong)



First YMPG workshop at the 19th ICSMGE (Chair: Jennifer Nicks, moderator: Aleksandra Chepurnova). Our panelist from left to right: Neil Taylor, Suzanne Lacasse, Sukumar Pathmanandavel, Vlasta Szavits-Nossan, Aleksandr Puzrin.