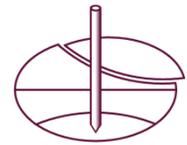




**ISSMGE FOUNDATION  
REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

<b>Your Name:</b> Samar DAOUD	<b>Your Organization:</b> Association Tunisienne de Mécanique de sol	<b>Date of report:</b> 26/09/2017
<b>Conference Title:</b> 6th International Young Geotechnical Engineers 'Conference iYGEC6	<b>Location of Conference:</b> National University of Seoul, Seoul, South Korea	<b>Dates of Conference:</b> 16-19th of September 2017
<b>What you learned:</b> <p>The participation in the 6th International Young Geotechnical conference was very important for developing and extending my knowledge in the geotechnical field. Indeed, I benefitted immensely from the presentations made by outstanding young scientists from all over the world. Besides the technical aspects and the wide range of topics covered and presented during this event, I realized that not only the paper presentation, but also communication between the participants is of great importance.</p> <p>Sharing my research with the young geotechnical engineers allowed me to discover other aspects of my thesis topic. This will help me to further improve my work and develop more reliable results.</p> <p>During the first two days of the 19th International Conference for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering, I also had a chance to attend inspiring keynote lectures where I have learned about new paradigms in soil mechanics and geotechnical engineering.</p>		
<b>People you met:</b> <p>I have made many acquaintances during the conferences (6th iYGEC and 19th ICSMGE), but I will mention a few contacts that have left the biggest impression on me:</p> <p>Roger FRANK Pierre DELAGE Choong-ki CHUNG Liming Hu Nazli Yesiller Lin WANG Georgia I. Agapoulaki Brett W. Maurer</p>		
<b>Main features of conference:</b> <p>The 6th International Young Geotechnical Engineers' Conference was held in the national University of Seoul. The location offers a great opportunity for foreign students like me to discover the academic life of Korean students. Moreover, the event was organized in such a way that all participants were immersed in a friendly atmosphere during conference sessions as well as breaks, lunches and especially dinner gala.</p> <p>During the International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering, hundreds of presentations and keynote lecturers were delivered. An outstanding opening ceremony was held with the presence of Mr Kofi Annan. Discussion Sessions also provided participants with up to-date information on the main new developments in geotechnical engineering. Poster sessions, sponsors and exhibitors were presented at the exhibition hall of the COEX. Various technical tours and touristic tours prepared by the Organizing Committee were also proposed.</p>		



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

The conference was really well organized in every sense from the topic discussed to time allotted for presentations and discussions. The event was of high quality having reputed professionals and academicians. The lectures delivered were really informative and fairly novel in their contribution. Management and organization of various events were good and various sessions and refreshment were on time which made it possible to interact with various pioneer personalities, delegates, researchers, and industrial engineers from different places of the world. I find it successful in terms of gained knowledge and contacts.

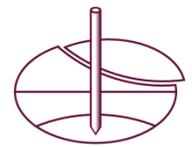
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The 6th International Young Geotechnical Engineers' Conference took place at the National University of Seoul, South Korea from September 16 to 17, 2017. During the conference, about 120 presentations were delivered by young participants from all over the world. The sessions were divided to Energy Geotechnics and Sustainability, Engineered Soil, Excavation, Foundations, Geotechnical Practices, Ground Improvement, In-situ Investigation and Characterization, Liquefaction, Rock Mechanics & Tunneling, Slope Stability, Soil Behaviors & Characterization and Soil Dynamics. Since the conference covered a large number of geotechnical topics, I had a comprehensive understanding on what issues are the participants, universities and research institutions, dealing with nowadays. I had also the great opportunity to present my research on Prevention of liquefaction of transported ores in bulk carriers. It was a great opportunity to discuss my on-going research and share my experience.

The 19th International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering was held at the COEX from September 17 to 22, 2017. The conference venue was absolutely appropriate as there were more than a thousand participants registered. All the keynotes and invited lectures were very informative and educational. Various parallel discussion sessions were arranged after the lunch in all day of conference. Also, poster presentation was organized during coffee and lunch breaks. As a young geotechnical engineer and student, participation in these great events was a brilliant way for me to make contacts with leading and rising scholars in the geotechnical engineering society. Apart from paper presentation, this conference gave me an opportunity to know various industrial organization, software developers and companies working in the field of geotechnical engineering.

As a nominee member of the Association Tunisienne de Mécanique des Sols (ATMS), I was very privileged to represent this society in an International event of greater importance as was the 6th IYGEC. The participation in this important event was a great success and an achievement for my professional career in the geotechnical engineering field. I believe that this kind of experience helped me to grow professionally and personally. Finally, I would like to thank all the people that helped me to attend this event. I am really grateful to the International Society of Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering Foundation (ISSMGE Foundation) for providing me with this great opportunity to build network and exchange beneficial knowledge.

***Photographs from Conference:***



Presenting my article in iYGEC'6



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