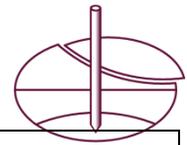




**ISSMGE FOUNDATION
REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

<p>Your Name: Muhammad Mounir Muhammad Elsherbiny</p>	<p>Your Organization: Dar Al-Handasah Consultancy</p>	<p>Date of report: 26 September 2017</p>
<p>Conference Title: The 19th International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering and 6th International Young Geotechnical Engineer's Conference (iYGEC6)</p>	<p>Location of Conference: Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea – (iYGEC6) Coex Convention Centre, Seoul, South Korea (19th ICSMGE)</p>	<p>Dates of Conference: 16 – 17 September 2017 – (iYGEC6) 17 – 22 September 2017 – (19th ICSMGE)</p>
<p>What you learned:</p> <p>Thanks to ISSMGE, I had the chance to present my work at the iYGEC6 on Excavation Session about the effect of using berms as temporary stabilization technique for enhancing the performance of diaphragm walls. Moreover, I was able to attend most of the plenary sessions of the ICSMGE. My knowledge expanded widely in different perspectives thanks to the presented topics in the various sessions; additionally, i learned more about the distinctive fields of the Geotechnical Engineering. Specifically, I grasped more knowledge about Unsaturated soils from Honours lecture of Geoffrey blight lecture by Prof. Delwyn G. Fredlund, Modeling and testing from Honours lecture of Bishop by Prof. David Muir, Simplified method for estimating liquefaction from Ishihara Lecture by Prof. Jonathan Bray, and overall the other entire sessions were well informing and highly beneficial.</p>		
<p>People you met:</p> <p>I had the chance to meet numerous professors from all over the world as well as graduate students. I had the chance to meet the president of ISSMGE, Prof. Roger Frank for the second time. I met some of the ISSMGE board members: Prof. Sherif Wissa, Dr. Fatma Baligh, Dr Etienne Marcelin Kana, Dr. Marc Ballouz and Dr. Roger Estephan. Moreover, I was tremendously pleased to meet few from the top notch calibers in the field of geotechnical engineering, Prof. Kerry Rowe, Prof. Izzat M. Idriss, Dr. Burt Look and Professor Paul Mayne. And a great honorable guest for the conference was Prof. Ban Ki-moon, Former Secretary-General-The United Nations.</p>		
<p>Main features of conference:</p> <p>The two conferences covered most of the topics that daily face geotechnical engineers around the world. Senior geotechnical professionals from all around the world delivered informative keynote lectures. The different presented researches in the technical sessions were very enriching and discussed fruitful topics in geotechnical engineering. The exhibition hall was a great place to meet professionals, contractors, consultants from different countries with different backgrounds.</p>		



Your comments on the conference:

The two conferences were attended by numerous of professionals from all around the world who come from different academic backgrounds and cultures. The two conferences were excellently organized and I am very pleased to have the chance to participate in these conferences. On my behalf, I am allocated to transmit this valuable experience to my colleagues and strongly advise them to attend future conferences organized by the ISSMGE. The work presented in these conferences was very high in quality and knowledge.

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

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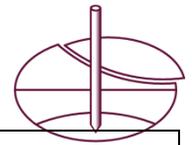
These two conferences were organized by the International Society of Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering. The conferences took place in Seoul, South Korea from 16 to 22 September. The conferences covered most of the topics related to soil mechanics and geotechnical engineering through plenary sessions and workshops organized by the different technical committees.

Thanks to ISSMGE, I had the chance to present my work based on my Master's work at Cairo University regarding my research topic during the iYGEC6. I attended most of the sessions and presentation given by my colleagues on the different topics of geotechnical engineering. During the sessions breaks, I had the chance to meet graduate students from different areas of this world, communicate with them, and share my research interest and work. During this conference too, I had the chance to meet the organizers and the chair Prof. Moonkyung Chung. The conference ended on the 17th of September with a closing ceremony and a summary. In addition, two young participants were nominated as the most outstanding presentation and they presented their work at the ICSMGE.

The ICSMGE started on the 17th of September with a welcome reception at 7:00 P.M with more than 1500 participant. The program included two days of plenary sessions given by senior professor from different universities covering different topics in the honour of great geotechnical engineers that made great contribution to our field. The 3rd and 4th day were allocated for workshops and technical sessions organized by the different technical committees covering all aspect of geotechnical engineering.

This conference gave me the opportunity to increase my knowledge in the different fields of geotechnical engineering as a prospective Ph.D. student. It gave me the opportunity to meet leaders of academia and industry in this field. I had the chance to talk to many researchers about potential future work and collaboration in the academia and industry fields.

Finally yet importantly, I would like once again to thank ISSMGE Foundation for funding my trip and offering me the chance to participate in such prestigious conference to meet all these calibers in the field of geotechnical engineering.



Photographs from Conference:



My photo while presenting in iYGEC6



My photo with Professor Kerry Rowe



My photo with Professor Izzat M. Idriss