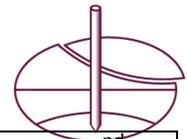


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REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

Your Name: Gábor Nagy	Your Organization: Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Budapest, Hungary	Date of report: 27 th September 2017
Conference Title: 6 th International Young Geotechnical Engineers' Conference (iYGEC6) & 19 th International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (19 th ICSMGE)	Location of Conference: Seoul, Korea	Dates of Conference: 17-22 September 2017
What you learned: Attending the iYGEC6 and 19 th ICSMGE was highly beneficial to me as a young engineer and as a PhD candidate. The conferences gave me the chance to get first-hand information about the current work of the researchers and engineers. Based on the presentations and lectures of experienced professionals of my field of work I understood that it is vital to be continuously present at the prestigious event of civil engineering such as the 19 th ICSMGE or the iYGEC6. These events allow people to share their knowledge and learn from results and experiences of engineers at the top of their class. I find this highly important, when it comes to successfully evolve as a researcher and as an engineer. Also, these events, the lectures, the presentations and the private conversations help people, and especially young engineers such as myself to be able to learn, but maybe more importantly to get feedback and comment to our work from other participants leading to discover new ways of researches and better understanding of our work. It was exciting to be able to see in person the people whose works are the foundation of this profession.		
People you met: During the two conferences I visited I had the chance to meet researchers, young engineers and students from different countries. To list a few of them below: Prof. Ana Petkovsek Prof. András Mahler Jasmina Toromanovic Per Gunnvard Jean Potgieter Bálint Péntzes		
Main features of conference: The iYGEC6 started on 17 th of September and ended on 18 th September did not set any specifications about the papers to submit, therefore it contained 18 sections (about 12 different topics) such as foundations, soil behavior, liquefaction analysis, etc., which gave opportunity to students and young engineers around the world to present their work and lead to a great variety of presentations.		



The 19th ICSMGE main venue started on the 19th of September and ended on the 22nd of September. I was only fortunate to attend the first two days of this event (since I was a nominee of the ISSMGE HNC to participate in the iYGEC6, which allowed me to attend the first two days of the 19th ICSMGE).

During these two days all the main keynote lectures (Terzaghi, Proctor, etc.) were addressed which gave the audience some thoughts to consider. Also, during the 19th ICSMGE an Exhibition Hall was open to allow companies and organizations to share their work, and the hall gave place to the Poster Section which presented numerous interesting researches.

Your comments on the conference:

iYGEC6:

The event was organized wonderfully, they also managed to arrange a shuttle service from the hotel of the participants to the university building, where the venue took place, which made the transportation a lot easier (especially in a city like Seoul). Also, by providing a travel card to the participants exploring the city of Seoul was much easier after the sessions. The keynote lectures of the event were fitted to the audience, they gave some great thoughts to the young engineers. It was interesting to listen other young engineers' presentations, and the colleagues from around the world did their job well by showing their results, and also by getting into conversations and answering questions.

19th ICSMGE:

The opening ceremony was fascinating, the COEX centre gave it a location it deserved. It was perfectly organized. In my opinion, (and by the experiences of the first two days of the conference) the main venue was interesting, it was great that there was a lobby, where people were able to sit down and talk between lectures. In terms of gained knowledge and people I met I found the conference highly successful.

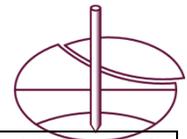
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The 6th International Young Geotechnical Engineers' conference was held on the 17-18th of September. The conference is held every 4 years. On the first day of the conference, Prof. Roger Frank made an opening speech to start the conference. During the technical sessions a great variety of topics were discussed like: excavation, foundations, slope stability, soil behaviours and characterization, liquefaction, etc.

The second day of the iYGEC6 a keynote lecture held by Za-Chieh Moh presented the main principles of being a leader and the related ethical topics, which gave the young engineers a bit different point of view of what does it mean to be a respected professional of your field.

After the closing ceremony of the iYGEC6, the opening ceremony of the 19th International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering took place at the COEX Centre, Seoul. The purpose of the ceremony was only to open the conference, and to give the chance to meet and talk to other participants, colleagues, and friends.

The ICSMGE conference main venue started on the 19th of September with the Honours Lectures. One of them was held by Prof. Wood who invited the audience to take a deeper look inside the relationship of modelling and testing, another lecture was given by Prof. Powell, who in his speech emphasized the importance of the precision of geotechnical data. On the 20th of September some great and different topics were discussed during the Special



and Honours Lectures, like an actual topic such as soil liquefaction, lecture held by Prof. Bray, or the questions of geotechnics and heritage mentioned in the lecture of Prof. Viggiani. On the 21st and 22nd of September the technical sessions took place, with parallel sessions to give all the participants the opportunity to share their knowledge with the audience, and to engage into conversations about the researches discussed.

During the whole 19th ICSMGE event there was an open Exhibition hall, where participants could observe the poster sections, and also there was an opportunity to get to know better the work of companies and organizations which were present.

I would like to express my appreciation to the ISSMGE Foundation for the support which enabled me to attend two of these prestigious events of the ISSMGE.

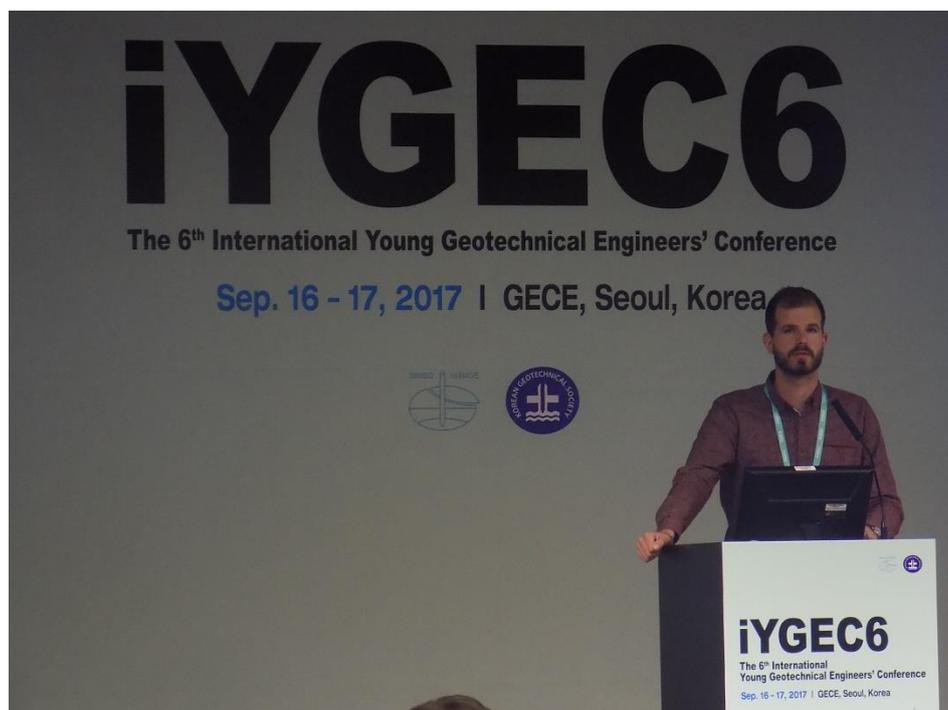
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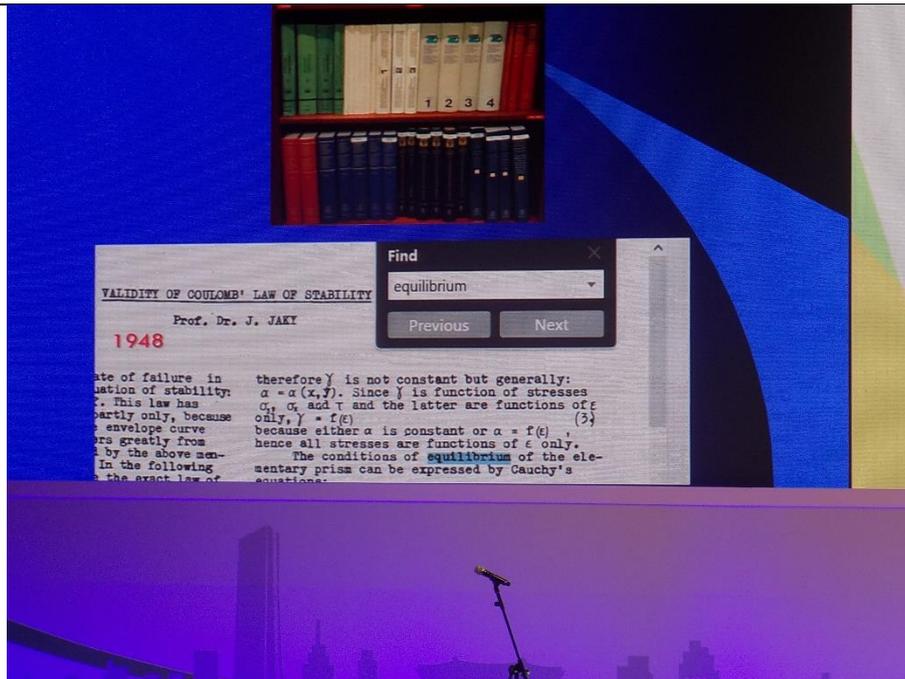
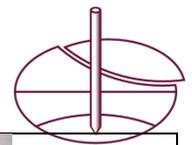
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Photographs from Conference:



My presentation titled “Effect of soil treatment and mixing on the dispersive behavior of soils” at iYGEC6



A slide taken out from Prof. Roger Frank's opening speech at the 19th ICSMGE, where he uses Prof. Jáky's article (who was probably the most known Hungarian geotechnical engineer) to demonstrate that keywords can be searched in the ISSMGE publications



The main hall of the COEX centre where the keynote lectures took place during the 19th ICSMGE