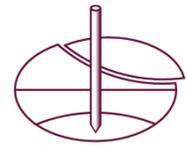




**ISSMGE FOUNDATION
REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

<p>Your Name: Istvan Kadar</p>	<p>Your Organization: Budapest University of Technology and Economics</p>	<p>Date of report: 25th September 2017</p>
<p>Conference Title: 6th International Young Geotechnical Engineers' Conference (iYGEC6)</p> <p>and</p> <p>19th International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (19th ICSMGE)</p>	<p>Location of Conference: Global Education Center for Engineers (Building No. 38), Seoul National University, Seoul, Republic of Korea</p> <p>and</p> <p>Coex Convention and Exhibition Center, Seoul, Republic of Korea</p>	<p>Dates of Conference: 16(Sat.) – 17(Sun.) September 2017</p> <p>and</p> <p>17(Sun.) – 22(Fri.) September 2017</p>
<p>What you learned: Due to the fact that I am a young geotechnical engineer, there was a large amount of knowledge to learn. The wide range of the papers and presentations offered the opportunity to listen and learn about various fields of geotechnics. Personally my special field of interest is the statistical analysis of soil parameters and probabilistic approaches therefore I was primarily focused on these kinds of works.</p>		
<p>People you met: The iYGEC6 and the first two days of 19th ICSMGE conference gave the opportunity to meet and interact with young talents and high-skilled experts. Including but not limited to:</p> <p>Sang Seom Jeong (President, Korean Geotechnical Society, Professor, Yonsei University) Moonkyung Chung (Chair, iYGEC6 Organizing Committee) Jakub Stacho (Slovak University of Technology) Alexandra Chepurnova (NIIOSP, leading engineer, Russian Federation) Peter Nagy (Vienna University of Technology) Jean Potgieter (University of Pretoria) Philippa Mills (University of Waikato, New Zealand) Balint Penzes (COWI UK Ltd.)</p> <p>I have visited the opening speeches and presentations of the following prominent people: Ban Ki-moon (Former Secretary-General, United Nations) Roger Frank (-Former- President, ISSMGE) Peter Day (University of Stellenbosch, South Africa) David Muir Wood (University of Dundee) John Powell (Geolabs Limited, UK) Mark Randolph (University of Western Australia)</p>		
<p>Main features of conference:</p>		



The iYGEC6 was held together with the 19th ICSMGE. The sessions and presentations at the conferences covered a wide range of geotechnical problems. The iYGEC6 featured 16 parallel technical sessions where the young delegates got an insight in each other's work. The coffee breaks gave time to discussions and for exchange of views.

After the two days of iYGEC6 the participants were offered to join the first two days of the 19th ICSMGE. The conference was organized in COEX Convention Centre. The Welcome Reception and the Opening Ceremony were elegant and grandiose. On the first two days of the conference plenary sessions took place with honours lectures, special lectures and award ceremonies. The conference had great keynote lectures delivered by geotechnical professionals from all around the world.

Your comments on the conference:

The iYGEC6 was held together with the 19th ICSMGE. The iYGEC6 was more familiar with approximately 100 participants and the opportunity to easily interact with junior geotechnical students, professionals with similar age. The place for iYGEC6 was the Global Education Center for Engineers in Seoul National University. The organizers did a great job, it was easy to get to the university and the technical support was also without mistakes.

The lecture 'Ethics and Leadership' delivered by Za-Chieh Moh gave a useful and thought provoking message.

The 19th ICSMGE was organized on a high level as well with ~1800 participants. I was honored to be part of such an event with prominent people.

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In 2017 the international conference of ISSMGE was held in Seoul, Korea. The local organizing committee and the whole country seemed to be properly prepared for such an event. About iYGEC6 I have only good impressions. The schedule was clear, the technical support was without mistakes and the atmosphere was familiar. 19th ICSMGE with ~1800 participants was monumental compared to the ~100 young delegates. On iYGEC6 the 16 parallel sessions ensured that everybody could listen to presentations in connection with his/her special interest. The presentations were limited to 10 minutes with 2 minutes discussion afterwards.

The Welcome Reception and the Opening Ceremony of 19th ICSMGE were elegant and grandiose. The first two days of 19th ICSMGE contained the keynote lectures with the latest results of ongoing geotechnical topics (e.g. 'In-situ Testing – Ensuring Quality in Equipment, Operation and Interpretation, can we?' – John Powell, Geolabs Limited, UK or 'Role of the Soil-Water Characteristic Curve in Unsaturated Soil Mechanics' – Delwyn G. Fredlund, University of Saskatchewan, Canada).

This conference gave me the opportunity to widen my horizon in various fields of geotechnical engineering as a Ph.D. candidate. I had the chance to talk to potential future



research colleagues. The lecturer skills and explicit terms used in many presentations were also something to concentrate on and learn from.

My presentation was entitled '*The examination of different soil parameters' coefficient of variation values and types of distributions*'. I was able to visit an outstanding event of the international society, for which I am sincerely thankful to ISSMGE Foundation and the Hungarian Geotechnical Society which is the Hungarian Member Society of ISSMGE .

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Photographs from Conference:



Presentation on iYGEC6



Participation with colleagues on iYGEC6