



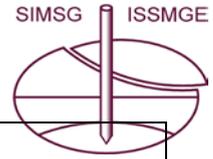
**ISSMGE FOUNDATION
REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

Your Name: Juan Ayala	Your Organization: Chilean Society of Geotechnics / Golder Associates	Date of report: 23-10-2013
Conference Title: 5 th International young geotechnical engineers' conference 18 th International conference on soil mechanics and geotechnical engineering	Location of Conference: Paris, France	Dates of Conference: 5 th iYGEC – From august 31 to September 1 st 18 th ICSMGE – September 2 to 6
What you learned: Attending to this conferences It's always important for a junior engineer like me, plus the possibility to present my work in the young conference was really important for me, because when you see all these senior engineers present they work you see it far away, but these opportunities represent the		
People you met: Gabriel Auvinet – UNAM – Mexico Roberto Terzariol – Universidad Nacional de Córdoba – Argentina Marcos Montoro – Universidad Nacional de Córdoba – Argentina Satochi Yamashita - Kitami Institute of Technology - Japan Sylvie Raymackers - Geotechnical Engineer at GeoSea (DEME) - Belgium An Ninh TA - Docteur Ingénieur Géotechnicien chez Cathie Associates - France Esteban Escobar - Ingénieur Chercheur chez Sol Solution - France Tereza Šmejkalová - Engineering Geologist at Arcadis – Czech Republic Martyn Willan - Geotechnical Engineer at Golder Associates – UK Alejandra Alfaro – Civil Engineer at Golder Associates – Chile Gary Logan – Director of Sales – UK		
Main features of conference: In my view the 5iYGEC is a space where we can show our works, this is important because of the difference between work's of young and engineers with more years of experience like in other conferences. Besides of know other engineers of our age.		
Your comments on the conference: Well organised and a great opportunity for young engineers.		

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First of all, I would like to thank the ISSMGE Foundation for the initiative in helping me to afford the trip and registration fees to attend these conferences and have the chance to present my work in the 5th international young geotechnical engineers' conference in Paris, thanks to the ISSMGE President Professor Jean-Louis Briaud, whom I had the chance to meet back in 2011 in Santiago of Chile for the 5th international conference on earthquake geotechnical engineering and see again in this opportunity, he's a really nice person. Finally I like also thanks to the Professor Harry Poulos, Chair of the ISSMGE Membership, Practitioners, and Academicians Committee (MPAC) for approving my application.

I remember back in 2011 when I was starting myself in geotechnics, have the chance to meet senior engineers with many years of experience and still enjoying what they were doing, now I think that was the main reason why I started in the area. Now that I have just started to work and took the chance to travel and meet with "new" old friends from different countries and different occupations in geotechnics I'm really glad to take this



way.

The opportunity of present my work in the international young geotechnical engineering conference was something exceptional, It was a really good experience and I'm sure I will try to do it again. Plus have the chance to attend to the 18th international conference in soil mechanics and geotechnical engineering was really good, the lectures where really good specially the Terzaghi Oration from Suzanne Lacasse, outstanding.

For my career I think the opportunity that the ISSMGE Foundation had given me it's very important, and I'm sure that I will not just work for the industry, but also try to do some research with the same experiences that I'm getting while I work, because attend to this conferences shows you the importance of this in engineering and specially in geotechnics. We work in a part of civil engineering that needs a special point of view that not necessarily our structural colleagues understand. With my little experience I've been in the need for example, explaining the importance of some laboratory testing in foundation design, and believe me when you're an ungraduated geotechnical engineer and you're talking to a senior mechanical engineers that not necessarily want to spend some money to know the real "mechanical" properties of the foundation soils, you really have to have your ideas clear.

I think attend to this kind of events will always be a great opportunity to grow professionally and personally, that's why I like to thank again to the ISSMGE Foundation for their help.

Thank you.

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