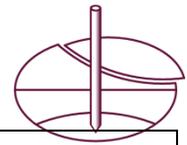




**ISSMGE FOUNDATION
REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

Your Name: Gulzat	Your Organization: Institute of Geomechanics and Development of Subsoil of the National Academy of Sciences of the Kyrgyz Republic	Date of report: 20/09/2017
Conference Title: 19th International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering	Location of Conference: COEX, Seoul, Korea	Dates of Conference: 17-22 September, 2017
<p>What you learned:</p> <p>First I want to write that before the beginning of the conference, although not officially, but the first time in my life I attended the consular meeting, together with the president of our association. Closed session impressed me with the order of the conduct, the activity of the heads of different associations. Most of all I remember the report of the representatives of Australia, who, following the results of the elections, will hold the next 20th conference in Sydney.</p> <p>At the opening ceremony, perhaps I was happiest to hear the speech, a man of world renown, the eighth UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.</p> <p>During intensive daily auditions of lectures of honorable people, I had the opportunity to expand and update my knowledge on the study of new methods of soil properties and evaluation of their stability. I want to especially note the speeches of Professor Peter Day - Terzaghi Oration and David Muir Wood - Bishop Lecturer. Since in my scientific work I have been considering the Bishop method for assessing the stability of slopes and slopes. And Terzaghi for me is a classic and the beginning of all my scientific knowledge in the field of soil mechanics.</p> <p>In addition to specific new scientific research knowledge, I was happy to learn about the characteristics of Korean culture.</p>		
<p>People you met:</p> <p>Among such a large number of participants from 80 countries of the world, it was not difficult to get acquainted. Acquaintance was easily obtained also from the fact that practically all participants have one research direction. Among the people I met especially I want to mention the following participants and personalities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof. Dong Soo Kim - organizer of this conference, very friendly, tactful and kind man. - Prof. Roger Frank – 16th president of ISSMGE - Prof. Vladimir Ulitsky – Russian state transport University, Russia - Dr. Yasutaka Watanabe – Central research institute of electric power industry, Japan - Dr. Asiri Karunawardena – National building research organization, Sri Lanka - D.Sc. Armen Ter-Martirosyan – professor of soil mechanics and geotechnics department Head of REC «Geotechnics », Russia - PhD. Shahmov J.A. - The L.N. Gumilyov Eurasian National University, Kazakhstan 		



- PhD. – Yongchai Chang – Mokpo national maritime university, Korea
- PhD. Rafael F. Sharafutdinov – Research Institute Underground Structures named after N.M. Gersevanov, Russia
- Eng. Menal Zaheer – National engineering services Pakistan Limited, Austria
- PhD, PE Chiwan Wayne Hsieh – Council member of Geosynthetic Institute-Taiwan, Taiwan
- PhD, Omailma Mostafa Hamed – Suez Canal Research Center, Egypt
- Civil engineering Tatiana Stanichevsky – Geostan S.R.L., Paraguay

Main features of conference:

The conference was held in the most fashionable in Seoul - COEX Centre, in a very beautiful building built in a modern style.

The conference was divided into major honorary lectures and mass reports in different sessions. Between the sessions, many interesting and fascinating classes from Korean culture were organized. It was organized a separate place for a photo session of the willing participants against the banner background with the name of the conference. A huge separate exhibition hall and poster presentations.

Your comments on the conference:

The conference was organized perfectly, all conditions for the participants were provided. A lot of young people - the organizers, who helped in any case, that during the conference I felt absolute comfort.

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The 19th International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering in Seoul was organized at the highest level.

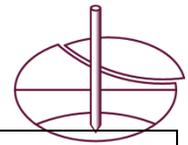
The conference was divided into Honour, Keynote, Theme and Special Lectures and Poster Sessions. All of them are focused on a better understanding of soil mechanics, soil properties, establishment effective methods for protect slopes and their stability. Evaluation of the stability of foundations and foundations in civil construction. Protection from natural factors, seismic and so on. And also software for calculating such natural and man-made disasters.

The Social Programs was including: Welcome reception, Opening Ceremony, Gala Dinner, Closing Ceremony. In total there were about 3000 participants from 80 countries of the world. A conference was held in a very beautiful building in one of the elite districts of Seoul - Gangnam. For all participants, tickets for transportation during the conference were provided and various discount tickets for visiting the sights of Seoul.

The exhibition is worth a special praise. Personally for myself, I learned a lot of "new" and interesting. For example, a new material made of solid steel as a mesh, to protect slopes and dykes from mudflows, even with large-scale landslides, from Geobruigg «Protection systems made from high-tensile steel wire».

Separate attention is a Gala Dinner. It was a secular refined reception, delicious and delicious food, pleasant music and dances of Korean culture in a very warm atmosphere of the participants.

Seoul is a developed city, a metropolis, with very friendly and hospitable inhabitants, with clean streets and an abundance of green manicured trees and flowers will forever remain in my memory.



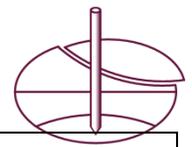
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After the Council meeting, with the President of the Uzbek Geotechnical Association (right)



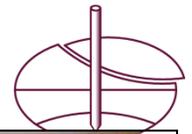
At the Welcome Reception with the prof. Dong Soo Kim (in the middle)



With a professor from Turkey (second from left) and from Syria with Mr. Talal Awwad (right)



Airport Incheon, during of technical tour



Frame from my oral presentation on special session of ATC19 Geotechnical Engineering for Conservations of Cultural Heritage and Historical Sites



A cruise on the Khan River during a technical tour with participants from Uzbekistan (in front) and France (from behind)