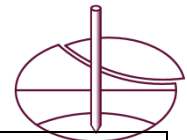


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REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

Your Name: Sumaja Kolli	Your Organization: Indian Institute of Technology, Jodhpur	Date of report: 17/07/2023
Conference Title: 9th International Congress on Environmental Geotechnics (9ICEG)	Location of Conference: Chania, Greece	Dates of Conference: 25-28 th June, 2023
What you learned: 9 th ICEG conference focussed on Environmental Geotechnics had insightful and engaging sessions starting from lectures, presentations, and panel discussions. These informative sessions helped me gain a new perspective on my current research on utilising mine waste to stabilise the dune migration. The comments and discussions post my oral presentation on technical paper submitted were helpful in improving and navigating few critical parts of my current study. Session on mine waste and landfill problem highlighted the different aspects of solving it through means of sustainability.		
People you met: Attending the 9ICEG presented a wonderful opportunity to interact with the people distinguished researchers and eminent personalities from all over the world. Prof. Marc Ballouz, ISSMGE president Prof. Dimitrios Zekkos, University of California at Berkeley, Prof. Hemanta Hazarika, Kyushu University, Fukuoka, Japan Prof. D. N. Singh, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay, India Prof. G L S Babu and Prof. Gali Madhavi Latha, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, India		
Main features of conference: 9ICEG – International Congress on Environmental Geotechnics focussed on the importance of Environmental Geotechnics and its impact on sustainability. The conference theme of “Addressing the global challenges” had highlighted the role of environmental geotechnics on major societal challenges such as resource scarcity and preservation, Climate Change and Natural Hazards. The main features included the Rowe Lecture and keynote lectures by many distinguished personalities around the world. Apart from the lectures, conference also featured a panel discussion on extended and emerging areas of environmental geotechnics such as Geo Energy and Bio geotechnics.		
Your comments on the conference: The conference was very well organised and planned maintaining well balanced and diversified fields of study with high level of engagement from all the participants. The keynote lectures were highly informative, engaging the different remarkable themes of environmental geotechnics. Apart from the technical aspects of conference, I had the		



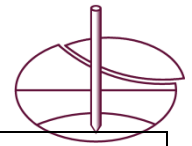
opportunity to interact and collaborate with researchers from around the world. As a whole, participating in the 9th International Conference on Environmental Geotechnics provided me with several advantages such as networking opportunities, broadening knowledge, information on advancements in the industry, and publication opportunities.

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

9ICEG - International Congress on Environmental Geotechnics took place in Chania, Greece from 25-28th June 2023. This premier international event on environmental geotechnics was organized by the Technical Committee 215 of the International Society of Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE) under the auspices of the Hellenic Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering. The conference featured the Rowe Lecture and many more insightful lectures, technical sessions and an outstanding poster session. The conference also featured a panel discussion on extended and emerging areas of environmental geotechnics such as Geo Energy and Bio geotechnics. Each day of the conference had a well balanced and diverse themes engaging the researchers from every field. Along with the technical lectures, conference also showcased developments of industrial geotechnics to get us acquainted with the practical means of solving the related issues. Apart from the technical aspects of conference, I had the opportunity to interact and collaborate with researchers from around the world. I was fortunate enough to present and receive positive feedback on my paper titled "Sustainable Use of Marble By-product for Stabilizing Migrating Sand Dunes in Thar Desert, India".

Overall, the 9th ICEG conference was a remarkable platform for professionals from all around the world to learn, discuss and develop the knowledge in this field. Being a research scholar, I found this chance very fruitful to develop technically and continue my journey in Environmental Geotechnics.

I thank the ISSMGE Travel grant for the financial assistance and support to attend this prestigious international conference.



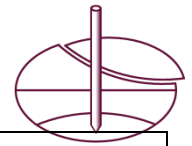
Photographs from Conference:

With Prof. Dimitrios Zekkos (University of California, Berkley) and Prof. Marc Ballouz (ISSMGB President)



With Prof. MadhaviLatha (IISc Bangalore) and Dr.Pradeep Kumar Dammala (IIT Jodhpur)





With Prof. Babu (IISc Bangalore) during my paper presentation



With Prof. D. N. Singh and team (IIT Bombay)

