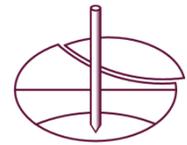


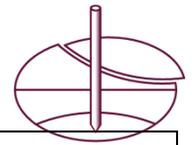
**ISSMGE FOUNDATION  
REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

<b>Your Name:</b> Ani Kosho	<b>Your Organization:</b> Sweco Branch office Albania	<b>Date of report:</b> 21.09.2015
<b>Conference Title:</b> XVI ECSMGE 2015	<b>Location of Conference:</b> <i>Edinburgh, Scotland</i>	<b>Dates of Conference:</b> <b>13th - 17th September 2015</b>
<b>What you learned:</b> The participation in this conference was very important for developing and extending my knowledge in the geotechnical field. According to the technical aspects I can consider this conference as a good opportunity for getting more information and learning new methods and applications, different geotechnical design considerations for several structures, design and recommendations for deep foundations, soil improvement etc. Besides the technical aspects and the wide range of topics covered and presented by young engineers from all over the world, I realised that not only the paper publication, but the presentation and communication between the participants is of great importance. During this conference I have also identified what I could improve for the purpose of contributing in the advancement of the Geotechnical Society in Albania		
<b>People you met:</b> Prof Jean-Louis Briaud – Immediate Past President of ISSMGE Prof Ivan Vaníček, Geotechnical Department Faculty of Civil Engineering Czech Technical University in Prague Prof Mike Winter- Chair of the Conference Organising Committee XVI ECSMGE 2015, Edinburgh  Other young geotechnical engineers and professors.		
<b>Main features of conference:</b>  The Conference was held from 13-17 to September and was organized in parallels sessions. The main features: slope stability; laboratory testing; foundations; ground improvement; earth works; in-situ testing; soil behavior; tunnel and underground structures; earthquake and soil dynamics, etc. During the conference I had the opportunity to follow some of the sessions which covered topics of greater importance for me and related topics with our paper: ‘Geotechnical characterization of Albanian soils by in situ and laboratory tests’. I was also very impressed with the hard work done for the papers, e -Posters and the dignified presentation of all engineers. After each session there was enough time for questions and comments and the conference turned into a dynamics and interactive communication between the participants.		
<b>Your comments on the conference:</b> The conference was very well-organized and the organizing committee was very kind with all of us and patient for resolving all the inquiries. Congratulations to all of them for this conference.		



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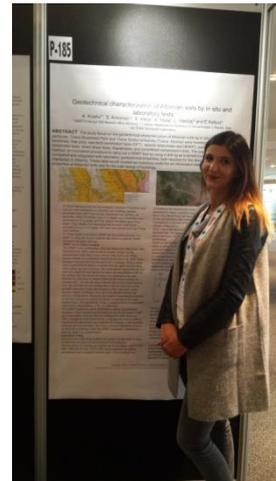
Participating at the XVI ECSMGE 2015 Geotechnical Conference has been really exciting and this not only from the professional point of view. What makes this activity more beautiful is the fact that for me, and for most of Albanians, visiting a city like Edinburgh was just a beautiful dream. This conference was a big event in my career as a young geotechnical engineer. I had the opportunity to meet colleagues from almost every country and it was great to share our knowledge and to discuss about topics regarding geotechnical engineering in our countries. It is amazing to realize that countries really far from each other despite many distinctions can face very similar realities. It was a good feeling to me to understand that my geotechnical knowledge can be applicable all around the world. The most interesting feature of the conference was discussing for each paper with the authors and with the professors that were present. Since the conference covered a large number of geotechnical topics, I had a comprehensive understanding on what issues are the participants, and also universities and research institutions, dealing nowadays. The organising committee did an excellent job in providing every necessary information and facility, all this accompanied with an unbelievable courtesy. Finally, I would like to thank all the people that helped me to attend the XVI European Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering. I wish also to thank and congratulate ISSMGE and all member societies for the excellent and hard work in coordinating and supporting such activities. A special thank to Conference Organizing Committee (COC) for Fee Waiver award and to ISSMGE foundation because without your help I would never be part of this big event!



## Photographs from Conference:



Welcome reception



Poster Presentation



Gala Night



Albanian Geotechnical Engineers