

**ISSMGE FOUNDATION
REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

<p>Your Name: RAKOTOMALALA Lucie</p>	<p>Your Organization: University of Mahajanga MADAGASCAR</p>	<p>Date of report: 1/10/2013</p>
<p>Conference Title: 18th International Conference on Soil Mechanics and geotechnical Engineering</p>	<p>Location of Conference: France-Paris au Palais des congrès</p>	<p>Dates of Conference: 2-6 September 2013</p>
<p>What you learned: -Knowledge for teaching soil mechanics and geotechnical engineering -I have seen new materials dedicated to soil investigation</p>		
<p>People you met: -Michel GAMBIN - J.L. BRIAUD -PLUMELLE Claude -MESTAT Philippe Roger -The members of CTGA :- KANA Marcelin -BOUASSIDA Mounir -CISSE Ibrahima khalil</p>		
<p>Main features of conference: Challenges and innovations in geotechnics</p>		
<p>Your comments on the conference: Success</p>		

At the time of the 18th International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering, I have an overview of geotechnical know-how for any kind of construction , Knowledge of new methods for teaching Geotechnics and I saw new equipment.

I could meet my colleague and discuss with them many points for the development of geotechnical engineering in Africa and Madagascar

Exhibition

I have seen various materials for soil investigations , geotechnical and structural monitoring instruments : drilling , laboratory and software

A complete range of compact and multipurpose specific rigs

A large range covering all water wells drilling from small to large depth

The latest of Menard-style pressuremeter

Exhibition catalogue

Meeting with members of CTGA

This is the first time that I could meet my fellow geo-technicians of Africa. We could discussed the following points:

1- Young African Geotechnical Engineers

2- Corporate Associates.

3- Seminars by African Societies

4- Aim for an African Code of Practice

5- Regional Technical Committees

There is a need to encourage the formation of Technical Committees to address problems and specific needs for Africa

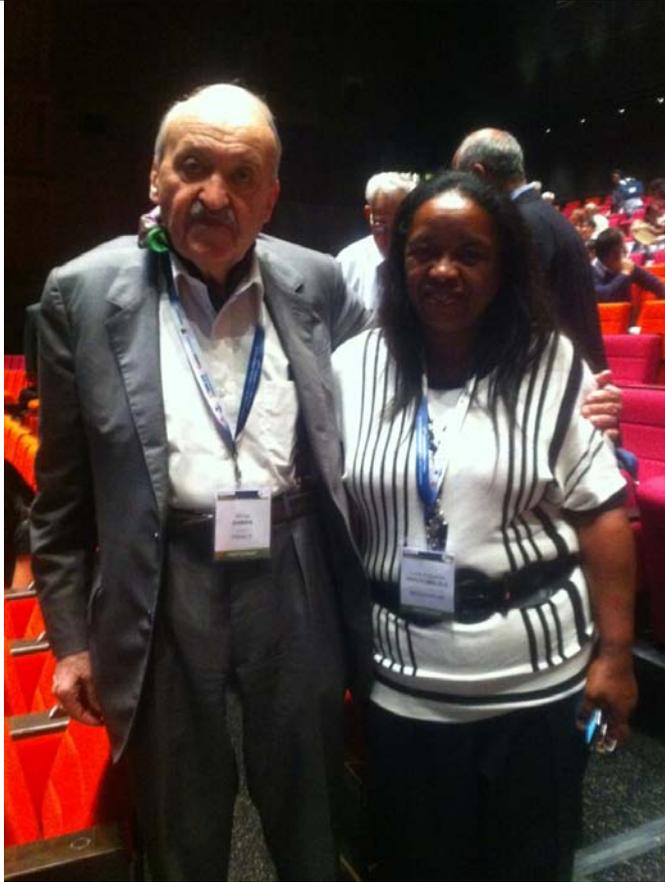
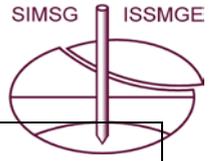
6-Increase the number of African countries, by asking each society to encourage and help a nearby country to form a society, or even better, adopt a country and provide feedback on any obstacles.

This congress was very beneficial for me because that allowed me to acquire knowledge and to improve teaching of geotechnical engineering in Madagascar.

Also I present all my thanks to the ISSMGE Foundation to have to grant a purse which allowed me to take part in it



Meeting with Claude Plumelle



Meeting with Michel Gambin