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## REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

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<td>The Third African Young Geotechnical Engineers Conference (3AYGEC'12)</td>
<td>The Housing and Building Research Center HBRC, Cairo</td>
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## What you learned:
In the conference, I get in touch with people from different nationality (Egypt, Sudan, South Africa, Algeria and Nigeria). Every participant made a presentation of his work followed by discussions and exchanging ideas about the presented work. This allows to have an idea about the way young engineers think and deals with their research projects.

## People you met:
Prof. Fatma Baligh (Egypt), Prof Samuel U. Ejezie (Nigeria), Prof. Jean-Louis Briaud (France), Mr Peter Day (South Africa), Prof. Mohsen Mashour (Egypt), Prof. Mohamed Saker (Egypt), Dr. N. EL Sakhawy (Egypt), Dr Asmaa M. Hassan (Egypt), Aisha Boukhalfa (Algeria), Haitham Shammat (Sudan), Noha A. Rabie (Egypt), Ali H. Albatal (Yamen), Faith E. Osegi (Nigeria), Solomon.S.R Gidigasou (Ghana), Dahlia H.Hfez, Mohamed S. Morsy (Egypt).

## Main features of conference:
The conference dealt with different fields of geotechnical engineering, namely; Soil behaviour, properties & correlations, Ground Improvement & Soil treatment, Shallow foundation, Deep foundation Design & Practice.

A technical visit to the Multi Story Garage below El-Tahrir Square, carried out by the Arab Contractors, where Engineers made a presentation of the project and they kindly answered questions about the project.

## Your comments on the conference:
I really enjoyed the conference, Dr Fatma Baligh and the organizing committee made a great work for a successful 3AYGEC'12.
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The conference was attended by young engineers (Tunisia, Egypt, Nigeria, Sudan) and also by specialists and professionals, in the field of geotechnical engineering, from different countries (Egypt, South Africa, Nigeria, France).

The conference was held at Housing and Building Research Center in Cairo and it lasted 3 days.

During the conference, very interesting keynote lectures were held by university professors and practitioners, namely, Prof. Jean Louis Briaud “Shrink-Swell Soils and the Design of foundations for light buildings”, Prof. Samuel U. Ejezie “Vibration transmission and attenuation in humid tropical soils”, Mr. Peter Day “Soil profiles not amenable to conventional investigation and testing”, Eng Ashraf Wahby (Projects carried out by Bauer in Africa”.

Presentations were great, lecturers did an amazing job trying to explain and give answers to all questions.

5 paper sessions presentation were also programmed:

1. Soil behaviour, properties & correlations
2. Ground improvement & soil treatment
3. Shallow foundations
4. Miscellaneous-Analysis
5. Deep foundation design & practice

Presentations were very interesting and every presentation was followed by a discussion and exchanging ideas about the presented work.

The program of the conference included a technical visit to the “multi story garage below El-Tahrir Square” which is a project carried out by the Arab Contractors.

Also, a cultural evening and a visit to the Pyramids’area helps to get in touch with different participants in the conference

Finally, I would like to thank the ISSMGE Foundation for offering the opportunity and the financial support to attend the Third African Young Geotechnical Engineers Conference (3AyGEC’12).
Photographs from Conference: Insert here or attach to email