

**ISSMGE FOUNDATION
REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

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Conference Title: <i>Assessing susceptibility to withdrawal and swelling clay soil in a site of a urban project in DIAMNIADIO DAKAR SENEGAL</i>	Location of Conference: HAMMAMET, TUNISIA	Dates of Conference: April 27- 30, 2015

What you learned:

The conference was very interesting, as well a lecturer that as a participant, I have learned many thinks. The studies that were presented there are very important for all geotechnical engineers. The themes were really topical. The subjects that treated soil improvements have been very interesting for me. Topics on expansive clays have also allowed me to apprehend complex and complementary aspects I had not developed my subject. The technical inspection in the stabilization site in Monastir was also really interesting. Through this congress I have consolidated my knowledge of soil mechanics and geotechnical. The numerous meetings and exchanges that i made with eminent personalities in this domain have also been very successful for me.

People you met:

Through this Congress I met several eminent African and global personalities in the field of geotechnical engineering with whom i have shared a lot. Including

FATMA BALIGH, the ISSMGE Vice President for Africa.

I also met many great Tunisian geotechnical like:

SLAH EDDINE HAFOUDH chairman of the conference

MOUNIR BOUASSIDA chairman of the Scientific Committee

MEHREZ KHEMAKHEM chairman of the Organizing committee

*Our distinguished University Professor **IBRAHIMA KHALIL CISSÉ** also presented me other great personalities of African geotechnical such as :*

DENIS KALUMBA Senior Lecturer in Geotechnical Engineering at the University of Cape Town

ETIENNE MARCEL KANA Secretary General of the Transnational Committee for African geotechnical engineers (CTGA)

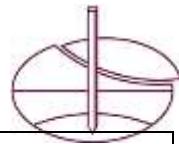
AREZKI AKHENAK, TECHNICAL SALES responsible of LIM SAS in the area of the Maghreb,

BOUBABAR DIA engineer of engineering structure COREEX- BTP.

We met other world figures of the mechanics of soil such as French

JEAN CLAUDE GRESS,

and several other eminent personalities of geotechnical.



Main features of conference:

The congress was a forum of exchange and discussion among engineers, professionals, scientists, researchers, solutions providers or equipment operating in the field of soil mechanics and geotechnical engineering. Over seventy papers were presented; and several keynote lectures spread over different topics. Technical visits to Tunis and Monastir (choice) were also organized during the conference. Several companies also sponsored the event, and thus benefit from stands that allowed them to make their advertisements

Your comments on the conference:

The congress was very successful, since it allowed me to network with experts in the field of soil mechanics and geotechnical engineering. It was a perfect opportunity to strengthen my knowledge, to acquire more experience and establish contacts with these eminent personalities.

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

16th African Regional Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering

The 16th African regional conference on soil mechanics and geotechnical Engineering took place from 27 to 30 April 2015 in HAMMAMET, TUNISIA.

The conference was essentially of communications, Keynote lectures, practical workshops and technical visits.

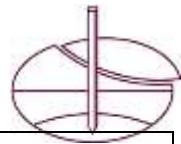
Congress began on Monday 27 with the presence of the Tunisian Minister Mr. HAFOUDI. After the welcoming words of the chairman of the conference SLAH EDDINE HAFFOUDHI, the *ISSMGE Vice President for Africa*, FATMA BALIGH, the chairman of the Scientific Committee MOUNIR BOUASSIDA and the Organizing Committee's chairman MR. KHEMAKHEM; the effective startup of the conference took place with the Keynote lecture of MR. ETIENNE MARCELIN KANA tilted << Practice of geotechnical road in intertropical Africa >>. This was followed by a coffee break that allowed different participants to visit the stands of sponsors. Thereafter the activities resumed with communications on the session of the day were expansive clays.

The other days have the same program as the first day with keynote lectures followed by communications and practical workshops.

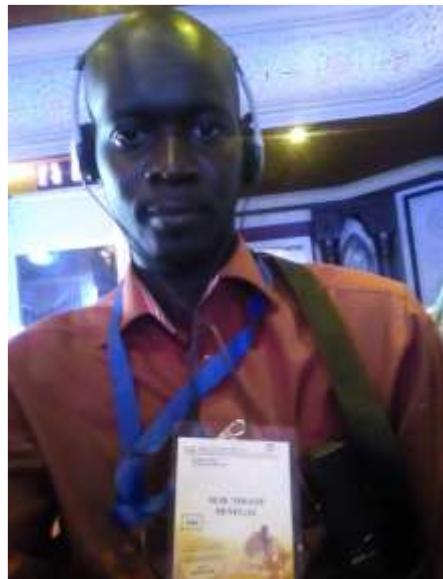
As for me, my topic referenced EC04 entitled << Assessing susceptibility to withdrawal and swelling clay soil in a site of a urban project in DIAMNIADIO DAKAR SENEGAL >> was presented on Tuesday 28 April at 12 h at the Cesar Room, Chaired by DENIS KALUMBA and our Professor IBRAHIMA KHALIL CISSE.

The closing ceremony was held on Thursday 30 April at 9 am 45. This one was followed by technical visits in a site of Cliff stabilization to limit the regression of the highly urbanized land area in Monastir and the other that was a deep foundation site in Tunis (choice).

The conference was very successful. It permitted to increase my level in geotechnical engineering, and also gave me the opportunity to meet many great personalities in this field. A last I thank the ISSMGE foundation for their help.



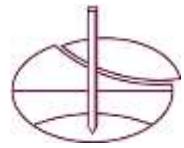
Photographs from Conference:



During the conference in Nefertiti room



In blue shirt with Fatma Baligh and some other friends



During the closing ceremony in the Nefertiti room



Some friends and me in the garden of royal hotel of HAMMAMET

Done at Dakar, May 21, 2015