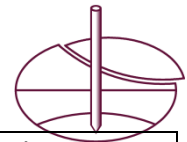




**ISSMGE FOUNDATION
REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

Your Name: A. M. NANDHI VARMAN	Your Organization: INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, BANGALORE, INDIA	Date of report: 28 th September 2018
Conference Title: 11th International Conference on Geosynthetics 2018 (11 th ICG)	Location of Conference: Seoul, South Korea.	Dates of Conference: September 16-21 2018
What you learned: The conference had lot of sessions like two short course, prestigious/keynote lectures, training lectures and special sessions. The conference focussed and covered the complete research happening in the field of geosynthetics. The whole conference sessions gave me the opportunity to gain extensive knowledge in the field of geosynthetics : Innovative solutions for sustainable development. I attended the short course: “Geosynthetic-stabilized roads: from mechanism to applications” which provided me a insight knowledge about the mechanism, design and the stabilization of geosynthetic stabilized roads. Being a PhD student working in the field of geosynthetic reinforced soil, 11 th ICG 2018 gave me the excellent opportunity to share my research work with eminent researchers and I got the useful suggestions which would definitely enhance my future research scopes.		
People you met: I have met and talked to many Professors from different countries. A few of them are listed below. Prof. Robert D Holtz Prof. R. Kerry Rowe Prof. Chungsik yoo Prof. Richard J Bathurst Prof. Rajagopal Karpurapu		
Main features of conference: The main features of the 11 th International conference on Geosynthetics 2018 includes: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Opening ceremony2. Short courses3. Prestigious lecture4. Giroud lecture5. Keynote lectures6. Presentations and questions7. Training lectures8. Exhibition/ E-session9. Welcome reception and special event		
Your comments on the conference: 11 th ICG 2018 was the well organized event. The conference themes covered almost all topics in the field of geosynthetics. The lectures and presentations addressed the recent		



advancement in the geosynthetics and its application in the sustainable development. I would like to thank the 11th ICG 2018 organizing committee for giving me the opportunity to present my research work. Also, I am very grateful to "ISSMGE foundation" for providing me the support and grant for attending such a wonderful conference.

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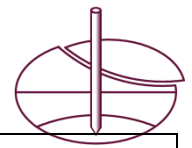
11th International Conference on Geosynthetics (11th ICG) Coex, Seoul, South Korea, September 16-21, 2018. The conference was organized by Korean Geosynthetics Society (KGSS) and the International Geosynthetics Society (IGS) Korea Chapter. The theme of the conference is "Geosynthetics: Innovative solutions for sustainable development". The conference start with the two short courses, Short course 1). Basal reinforced piled embankment, Short course 2). Geosynthetic- stabilized roads: from application to mechanism followed by prestigious lecture delivered by Prof. F. Tatsuoka, on the topic entitled "Geosynthetic- reinforced soil technology in railway applications- from walls to bridges". The first day ended with the welcome reception.

The second day starts with opening ceremony. The first lecture starts with Giroud lecture delivered by Dr. Nathalie Touze-Foltz on the topic entitled "Healing the world: A geosynthetic solution". Five keynote lectures delivered by eminent professors like from various countries, the keynote lectures are well comprised and categorized in such a way that it was coverer the entire research areas in geosynthetics, from the mechanism to applications in the sustainable development.

From September 18th to 20th, 2018, the conference was fully dedicated to the paper presentation along with training lectures and special sessions. Around 450 full papers were presented under different themes. Themes covered almost all field of research in geosynthetics. The themes are not only dedicated to researchers, also it was very useful to the practicing engineers as well as people from industries.

The last day of the conference, organising committee provided the opportunity to visit either a Sudukwon land fill site or cultural tour to national museum of Korea. The exhibition organised by 11th ICG made the participants to experience the recent developments in the geotechnical construction industries. The conference organising committee conducted the special event: IGS soccer game. Finally 11th ICG 2018 provided me the wonderful experiences in technically as well as socially.

Here, once again I would like to thank ISSMGE foundation for provided me an excellent opportunity for participating in such a high level conference.



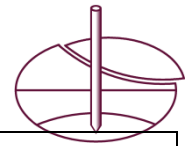
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With Prof. R. J. Bathurst, Prof. R. Kerry Rowe, Prof. K Rajagopal along with other participants



Prestigious lecture delivered by Prof. F. Tatsuoka



DR. J. P. Giroud delivered the lecture in short course 2: Geosynthetic-stabilized roads: from mechanisms to applications