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REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

<p>Your Name: Olsi Koreta</p>	<p>Your Organization: Albanian Geotechnical Society</p>	<p>Date of report: 05 /09/2013</p>
<p>Conference Title: Fifth International Young Geotechnical Engineers' Conference (5iYGEC'13)</p>	<p>Location of Conference: Paris, France</p>	<p>Dates of Conference: August 31 2013 to September 1 2013</p>
<p>What you learned: 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, practical solutions given for the stability of river banks, different geotechnical design considerations for several structures, design and recommendations for deep foundations, soil improvement and for retaining structures, 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. The opportunity to participate for two days at the 18th International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering was also a great chance for me to meet with some of the greatest researcher and authors in the field of geotechnical engineering.</p>		
<p>People you met: Prof Jean-Louis Briaud – President of ISSMGE Prof Ivan Vaníček, Geotechnical Department Faculty of Civil Engineering Czech Technical University in Prague Professor Heinz Brandl – The 2013 recipient of the prestigious ISSMGE Awards Dr.Iulia Consuela Molnar – Romania MSc.Eng. Argyro Souli – GEO, Danish Geotechnical Institute I had the opportunity to meet many other young participants from different countries, to exchange ideas and to discuss about the papers presented at the conference.</p>		
<p>Main features of conference: The Conference was held in two days, from August 31 to September 1 and was organized in eight parallels sessions a, b and c. The main features: slope stability; laboratory testing; foundations; ground improvement; earth works; in-situ testing; soil behaviour; tunnel and underground structures; earthquake and soil dynamics, etc. During the conference I had the</p>		



opportunity to follow some of the sessions which covered topics of greater importance for me and related topics with our paper: "Selection of characteristic values from Cone Penetration Test". I was also very impressed with the hard work done for the papers and the dignified presentation of all the young engineers from all over the world. After each session there was enough time for questions and comments and the conference turned into a dynamics and interactive communication between the participants.

Your comments on the conference:

The conference was well-organized and the organizing committee was very kind and patient for resolving all the inquiries from all the participants.

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Nominee : Olsi Koreta

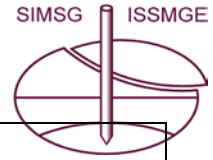
The participation in this important event was a great success and a great achievement for my professional career in the geotechnical engineering field. I had the opportunity to meet colleagues from all over the world and to discuss for different topics.

A very important aspect of the conference was not only the technical aspect but also exchanging the life experience between participants by talking about: how they organize their days at work; how they organize their research studies and also talking about the opportunities each country has for the development of the geotechnical engineering.

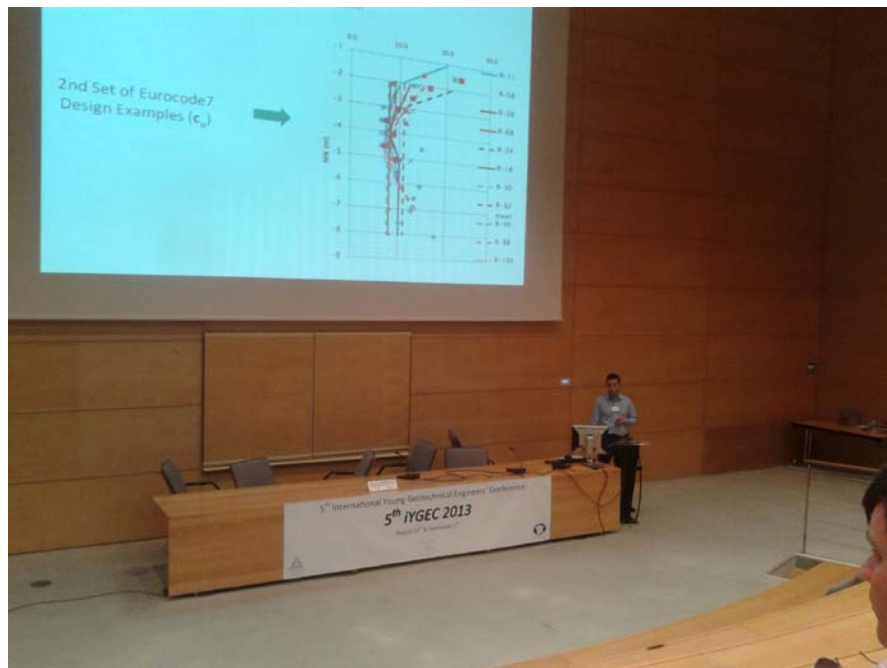
For me was very interesting knowing about many opportunities that exists in different Technical Universities for supporting young engineers in developing research studies and doctoral studies. Exchanging information and ideas between the participants is very important because this information will be then distributed in the national societies and will play an important role in the development of these societies and therefore in the development of the geotechnical fields.

As a nominee member of the Albanian Geotechnical Society, I was very privileged to represent this society in an International event of greater importance as was the 5th IYGEC.

Finally I want to thank all the people that helped me to attend this conference, starting from the President of ISSMGE, Prof. Jean Luis Briaud, ISSMGE Foundation and Prof. Harry Poulos who approved my grant request. I am also very grateful to Prof. Luljeta Bozo, President of Albanian Geotechnical Society, for the continuous support for the young geotechnical members of AGS and for the immense contribution in the development of the geotechnical field in Albania. A special thanks to the organising committee and to Mrs. Severine Beaunier for responding to our e-mails.



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During my presentation at 5th IYGECE



With Prof. Jean Luis Briaud and Ani Kosho (Albanian participant from AGS) at 18th International Conference

