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REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

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Conference Title: ICGRE 2026 – 11th International Conference on Geotechnical Research and Engineering	***Location of Conference:*** Paris, France	***Dates of Conference:*** 16-04-26 to 18-04-26

What you learned:

Attending ICGRE 2026 was an enriching and rewarding experience that significantly enhanced my understanding of recent advancements in geotechnical engineering and related disciplines. The conference brought together researchers and professionals from across the globe, providing a valuable platform for knowledge exchange.

I had the opportunity to present my research paper in an oral session, which allowed me to share my work with an international audience and receive constructive feedback. This interaction helped refine my research perspective and improved my confidence in presenting technical work at a global level. I was honored to receive the **Best Paper Award**, which was a significant recognition of my work and a strong motivation for my future research.

The conference featured a series of keynote and plenary lectures by leading experts, including sessions on advanced geotechnical modeling, sustainable infrastructure, and innovative material applications. These sessions provided insights into emerging trends and practical challenges in the field. One of the most valuable aspects of the conference was the opportunity to interact with experts. I had the privilege of meeting Prof. Hany El-Naggar, whose work closely aligns with my research area.

Overall, the conference deepened my technical knowledge, enhanced my presentation skills, and expanded my professional network.

People you met:

1. Prof. Hany El-Naggar, Dalhousie University, Canada
2. Researchers and professionals from various international institutions working in geotechnical engineering
3. Fellow participants from academia and industry

Main features of conference:

ICGRE 2026 stood out due to its comprehensive technical program, international participation, and high-quality research presentations. The conference included plenary lectures, keynote sessions, and parallel technical sessions covering a wide range of topics in civil, structural, environmental, and geotechnical engineering.

A key feature of the conference was the integration of multidisciplinary themes, allowing participants to gain insights beyond their core specialization. The event also provided

excellent networking opportunities through coffee breaks, group discussions, and social interactions.

The recognition of outstanding research through awards such as the Best Paper Award encouraged active participation and academic excellence. The conference was well-organized, with smooth coordination of sessions and clear scheduling, ensuring a productive experience for all attendees.

Your comments on the conference:

ICGRE 2026 was exceptionally well-organized and provided a balanced combination of technical learning and professional networking. The quality of presentations and discussions was very high, reflecting the global standard of the conference.

The opportunity to present my work and receive the Best Paper Award made this experience particularly memorable. The interactions with experts, especially Prof. Hany El-Naggar, added significant value to my participation.

Overall, the conference was highly beneficial for my academic and professional development, and I look forward to participating in similar international events in the future.

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CSEE 2026, held in Paris, France, from April 16–18, 2026, was a prestigious international event that brought together researchers and professionals in civil, structural, environmental, and geotechnical engineering. The congress comprised multiple specialized conferences, including the International Conference on Geotechnical Research and Engineering (ICGRE 2026), in which I participated.

The event commenced with keynote and plenary lectures delivered by leading experts, highlighting advancements in geotechnical engineering, sustainable infrastructure, and engineering technologies. These sessions provided valuable insights into current challenges and future directions in the field.

A key highlight of my participation was presenting my research paper in an oral session. The presentation was well-received and led to engaging discussions with fellow researchers and experts. I was honored to receive the Best Paper Award, which was a significant recognition of my research contribution.

The conference also provided excellent networking opportunities. I had the opportunity to interact with several researchers and professionals from different parts of the world. A particularly valuable experience was meeting Prof. Hany El-Naggar, whose research work aligns closely with my area of interest.

The technical sessions covered a wide range of topics, including soil behavior, slope stability, geotechnical modeling, and sustainable materials. These sessions facilitated knowledge exchange and exposed participants to diverse research approaches and methodologies.

In addition to the academic program, the conference was well-organized, ensuring smooth coordination of sessions and active participation. Informal interactions during breaks and networking sessions contributed to building professional connections.

Overall, ICGRE 2026 was a highly enriching experience that combined academic excellence with global collaboration. The knowledge gained, recognition received, and professional connections established will significantly contribute to my future research and career development.

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