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REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE

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Conference Title:	***Location of Conference:***	***Dates of Conference:***
21st International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ICSMGE)	Vienna, Austria.	14th – 19th June, 2026

What you learned:

The participation in 21st International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ICSMGE) 2026 conference gave me an opportunity to get exposure to ongoing research activities in the field of soil mechanics, earthquake engineering, and soil-structure interaction. The conference offered an excellent opportunity to interact with leading researchers, practitioners, and young professionals from around the world. I had able to interact with academicians and practicing engineers from various countries and leading researchers and stalwarts in the field of engineering and gain an insight into their on-going research activities. Technical sessions highlighted emerging experimental techniques, numerical modeling and analytical approaches, and innovative engineering solutions for complex geotechnical challenges. The presentations and discussions broadened my understanding of current research trends and future directions in the field.

People you met:

I had the pleasure of reconnecting with Prof. Deepankar Choudhury of IIT Bombay and meeting many distinguished researchers, industry experts and colleagues, including Prof. Marc Ballouz, Prof. Alexander Redlein, Prof. Anand Puppala, Prof. Andrea Diambra, Prof. Jie Han, Prof. Krishna R. Reddy, Prof. Suzanne Lacasse, Prof. Tarek Abdoun, Prof. Neelima Satyam, Prof. Ömer Bilgin, Prof. Keith Ryan, Prof. Askar Zhussupbekov, Prof. Denis Kalumba, Prof. Matsumoto Tatsunori, Prof. Kausthav Chatterjee, Prof. Madhavi Latha, Dr. CR Parthasarathy, Mr. Hamzha and many other international experts.

Main features of conference:

The conference celebrated the 100th anniversary of modern soil mechanics, marking a century since Karl Terzaghi's pioneering work published in Vienna. It featured the Terzaghi Oration, State-of-the-Art and Invited Lectures, approximately 20 Technical Committee workshops, parallel technical sessions, and a new combined short oral/poster presentation format. An exhibition with around 100 industry participants, displays of Terzaghi's original drawings and equipment, and more than 1,200 technical papers provided an excellent platform for knowledge exchange, innovation, and international networking.

Your comments on the conference:

The conference was exceptionally well organized and provided an excellent platform for presenting research, learning about the latest developments in geotechnical engineering, and interacting with leading experts from around the world. I sincerely appreciate the ISSMGE Foundation for its financial support, which enabled my participation. The experience was highly enriching and will positively contribute to my future research, teaching, and international collaborations.

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The International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ICSMGE) is a well-renowned world conference in the field of geotechnical engineering. As the flagship conference of ISSMGE, held once every four years, ICSMGE provides a unique platform for researchers and practitioners from across the world to exchange ideas and discuss latest developments in geotechnical engineering.

The 2026 conference was particularly significant as it celebrated the 100th anniversary of modern soil mechanics, commemorating Karl Terzaghi's pioneering work published in Vienna in 1925. In 1925, Karl Terzaghi published “Erdbaumechanik auf bodenphysikalischer Grundlage” in Vienna, a work widely regarded as marking the birth of modern soil mechanics. The conference featured the Terzaghi Oration, State-of-the-Art and Invited Lectures, Technical Committee Honour Lectures, approximately 20 Technical Committee workshops, an exhibition with around 100 industry participants, and more than 1,200 technical contributions. A newly introduced combined short oral and poster presentation format encouraged active interaction and technical discussion among delegates.

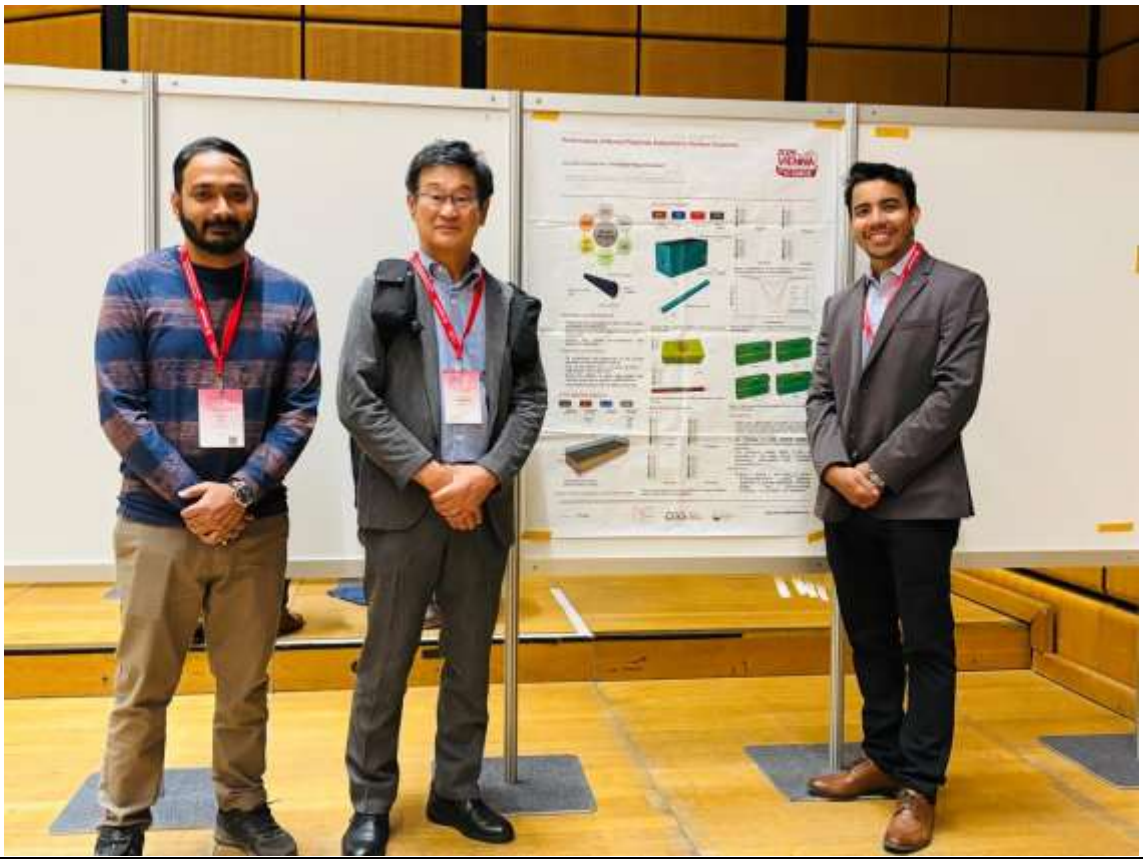
I presented our research paper entitled "Performance of Buried Pipelines Subjected to Surface Explosion" through both an oral and a poster presentation on behalf of my PhD scholar, Mr. Jaya Krishna Prasad. The event proved to be an immensely valuable experience, both academically and professionally.

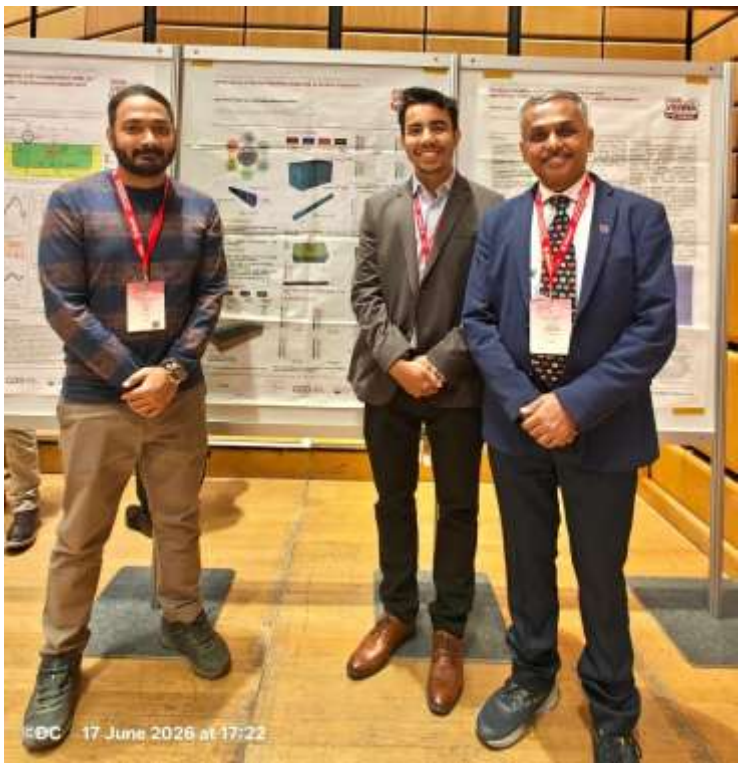
Beyond the technical sessions, the conference offered excellent opportunities to interact with researchers and practitioners from different countries, establishing new professional connections and exploring possibilities for future collaboration.

Overall, the 21st International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ICSMGE) provided me a valuable opportunity to learn about the research being carried out in different universities across the worlds and also to understand the different aspects of latest technologies of geotechnical and earthquake engineering. This will help me in improving my area of research. I am beholden to ISSMGE Foundation for providing me with financial support for participating in this prestigious conference.

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