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REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

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Conference Title: 4 th World Landslide Forum 2017	Location of Conference: Ljubljana, Slovenia	Dates of Conference: 29-05-2017 to 02-06-2017

What you learned:

Being a landslide researcher and pursuing Ph.D. in the same area, the conference was helpful to learn current developments and innovations in the area of landslide technology, landslide disaster investigation and landslide remediation. Since I am working in mechanism of rapid long run out landslides triggered by rainfall and landslide simulation (initiation and motion) analysis, the conference has given me an opportunity to meet scientists, engineers and researchers who are all working on the same area around the world to share my research work and get their suggestions to improve my research.

People you met:

Prof. Dr. Matjaz Mikos, 4th WLF 2017 Chair, Dean Department of Civil and Geodetic Engineering, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia and Vice President of International Consortium of Landslide.

Prof. Dr. Fawu WANG, Department of Geoscience, Director of Research Centre on Natural Disaster Reduction, Graduate School of Shimane University, Japan

Prof. Dr. Zeljko Arbanas, Chief of Geotechnical Laboratory, Faculty of Civil Engineering, University of Rejika, Croatia.

Prof. Dr. Bin Shi, Head, Dept. of Geological Engineering and Geoinformatics and Vice President, Int. Soc. of Environmental Geotechnology, School of Earth Sciences & Engineering, Nanjing University, China

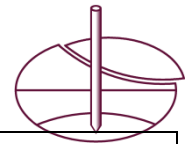
Eng. A. A Virajh Dias, Addl. General Manager, Natural Resources Management & Laboratory Services, Central Engineering Consultancy Bureau, Colombo, Srilanka.

Dr. Beena Ajmera, Assistant Professor, Civil and Environmental Engineering, California State University, Fullerton

Mr. Kai KANG, PhD student, Department of Engineering and Ecological Geology, Faculty of Geology, Moscow State University, Russia.

Main features of conference:

The conference has been jointly organized by International Consortium of Landslide (ICL), International Programme on Landslide (IPL), University of Ljubljana and Geological Survey of Slovenia aiming to international exchange of knowledge, experience and latest trends in science and engineering development with focus on landslide risk governance. The reviewed papers of the forum have been published as the forum proceedings by Springer Nature publishing house as a book chapter covering the forum five themes. All five volumes have been covered by Scopus database. The forum has also offered several important events, such as parallel technical sessions, high level panel discussion of governmental representatives, round table discussions, photo contest and exhibition, student award, technical exhibition and three interesting post-forum technical study tours.



Your comments on the conference:

The 4th World Landslide Forum 2017 has been well organised and covers every aspects of landslide research. The researchers were encouraged to share their work with global community by submitting papers and presenting their work at 4th WLF 2017. The keynote address by experts and oral presentations by participants were high quality and rich in novelty. The other activities such as high level panel discussion of governmental representatives, a round table discussion, photo contest and technical exhibitions were also helped to experience the current scenarios and latest trends and developments in landslide research. Separate student sessions have been arranged for oral presentations and the students were encouraged by ICL-WLF4 distinguished student award by International Consortium of Landslides. Overall I would like to thank the organizers of 4th WLF 2017 for given me an opportunity to present my research work with global community and to get their suggestions to further improve and strengthen my research.

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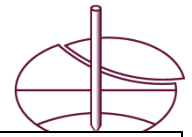
The 4th WLF 2017 starts with Opening speeches by Yueping Yin, ICL President, Qunli Han, UNESCO DG Representative, JH.E.Keiji Fukuda, Ambassador of Japan in Slovenia and Matjaz Mikos, WLF4 Forum Chair. The opening addresses followed by following forum lectures

- Rupestrian world heritage sites: *Instability investigation and sustainable mitigation by **Claudio Margottini** (Coordinator of the ICL successful thematic network, Italy).*
- *Rock fall occurrence and fragmentation by **Jorfi Corominas** (2016 Varnes Medal Recipient, Spain)*
- *Glacial lake outburst floods by **Vit Vilimek** (Editor of thematic issue of Landslides, Czech Republic)*
- *Landslides and Society by **Irasema Alcantara-Ayala** (Convener of Session 1-3 Landslides and Society, Mexico)*

After the enlightening forum lectures, the High-Level panel discussion has been arranged with video message from **Robert Glasser**, Special representative of the secretary general for disaster risk reduction and head of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR). The high level panel discussion followed by recognition of ICL and IPL activities. At the end of the day the welcome reception has been arranged in grand reception hall and welcome address given by **Ms.Irena Majcen**, the Minister of the Environment and Spatial Planning of the Republic of Slovenia.

The parallel sessions which covers five themes of the forum including Advances in landslide science, Advances in landslide technology, Diversity of landslide forms and Landslide in different environments has been organised with experts in the respective themes. Other activities including poster presentation, photo exhibition and forum technical exhibition has also been arranged. Forum banquet has been arranged for all WLF4 participants at Ljubljana castle.

Three open sessions have been conducted during lunch breaks of the WLF4. Student sessions have been arranged separately on the final day and round table discussion made with the theme review of WLF4 and forum development towards WLF5. The round table discussion followed by WLF4 closing ceremony which includes speech by the new president of ICL Peter Bobrowsky, Announcement of the ICL-WLF4 distinguished student award and best photo award in each category by ICL president Yueping Yin and forum chair Matjaz Mikos. Finally Dr. Kyoji Sassa, Executive Director of IPL and WLF5 forum chair has welcome the participants to WLF5 to Japan.



Overall the conference has given me an opportunity to meet scientists, engineers and researchers around the world to share our research work and get their suggestions. As I am interested in doing post-doctoral study in the area of landslides, the conference was helpful to develop contacts to continue my research in the future. I would like to express my gratitude to ISSMGE foundation for providing financial support to participate in 4th World Landslide Forum

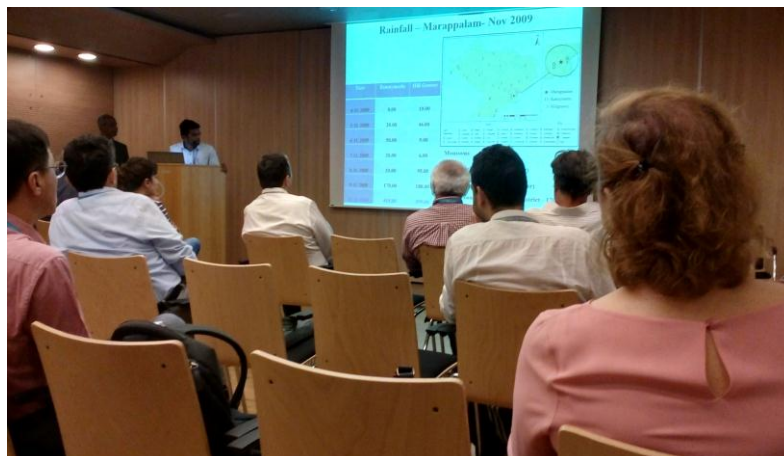
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WLF4 inauguration and opening speech by Prof. Dr. Matjaz Mikos, WLF4 forum chair



View of my presentation in WLF4



View of my presentation in WLF4

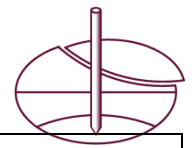


Photo with Prof. Dr. Fawu WANG



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