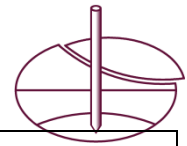




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REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

Your Name: Menal Zaheer	Your Organization: National Engineering Services Pakistan (NESPAK)	Date of report: 02-10-2017
Conference Title: The 6th International Young Geotechnical Engineers' Conference (iYGEC6) and The 19th International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (19th ICSMGE)	Location of Conference: Seoul, South Korea	Dates of Conference: 16-17 Sept, 2017 17-22 Sept, 2017
What you learned: To attend these both conferences (iYGEC6 and 19 th ICSMGE) was really a capacity building experience for me. The participants had brought together the best of ideas for the development in geotechnical engineering on these platforms. I also presented my research paper in iYGEC6, thereby, sharing my research findings with the geotechnical engineers from around the globe. It gave me a contentment of taking a step (no matter how small) to contribute in the research and development in my profession. I not only got the chance to learn through listening to the valuable talks but, also through hallway conversations. Also, the exhibition during the Conference helped me in developing a better understanding of geotechnical equipments which I can use professionally and in my research career as well in future. These conferences in together have thus, really broaden my horizons.		
People you met: The platform assisted me in developing friendly and professional relationships with International experts from around the globe. Some of the professors I met are listed below: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Prof. Sang Seom Jeong (Korea)2. Prof. Askar Zhussupbekov (Kazakhstan)3. Prof. Roger Frank (France)4. Prof. Ikuo Towhata (Japan)5. Prof. Moonkyung Chung (Korea)6. Prof. Dong-Soo Kim (Korea)7. Prof. Eun Chul Shin (Korea)8. Prof. Charles Ng (Hong Kong)9. Prof. Mounir Boussida (Algeria)		

**Main features of conference:**

The main features of both the conferences (iYGEC6 and 19th ICSMGE) are as follows:

1. Opening Session
2. Special and Keynote Lectures
3. Presentations and Questions
4. Welcome Reception and Gala Dinner
5. Closing Ceremony

Your comments on the conference:

Both the conferences were very well attended by esteemed geotechnical experts and young engineers from around the globe. The organizing committee was very cooperative and had put their enormous time and efforts in making this International conference a big success and to embark a new dimension in the field of geotechnical engineering. I enjoyed every bit of a minute in these both conferences.

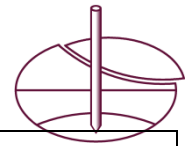
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The Korean Geotechnical Society hosted the 6th International Young Geotechnical Engineers' Conference (iYGEC6) at Seoul National University (Global Education Center for Engineers) from 16-17 Sept, 2017 and the 19th International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (19th ICSMGE) at COEX from 17-22 Sept, 2017. The two-day iYGEC6 started with the welcoming addresses by Prof. Moonkyung Chung, Prof. Roger Frank and Prof. Sangseom Jeong. There were two keynote lectures during conference by Professors Choong-Ki Chung (Korea) and Za-Chieh Moh (Taiwan) followed by the technical presentations by the young engineers. The KGS hosted a dinner for young engineers after the presentations. The conference ended on 17th Sept, 2017 with 19th ICSMGE Welcome Reception at COEX.

The 19th International Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (19th ICSMGE) was a 6 days (17-22 Sept, 2017) conference which consisted of Welcome Reception, Opening Ceremony, Terzaghi Oration, Bishop, James K. Mitchell, Gregory Tschebotarioff, Blight, Heritage, Schofield, Proctor, Ishihara, Louis Menard, R.K. Rowe, Kerisel, Suzanne Lacasse Lectures, Technical Committees discussions, Closing Ceremony and Technical Visit. During the first two days, honorary lectures were provided by Professors viz. David Muir Wood (UK), John Powell (UK), Mark Randolph (Australia), Delwyn G. Fredlund (Canada), Chris Haberfield (Australia), Antonio Gomes Correia (Portugal), Carlo Viggiani (Italy), Jonathan D Bray (USA), Buddhima Indraratna (Australia), Mario Manassero (Italy), Farrokh Nadim (Norway).

At the Closing Ceremony, the new President of ISSMGE, Professor Charles Ng and his new team were introduced. This International Conference ended the next day on September 22, 2017 after a technical tour.

Overall, the both Conference were full of technical discussions, meetings and greeting new friends, exchanging business cards, smiles and laughters. The fruitful exchange of ideas and discussions between all participants of iYGEC6 and 19th ICSMGE was indeed a positive sign in the development of Geotechnical Engineering profession. I would like to thank ISSMGE Foundation for their award, thereby giving me the opportunity to participate in such elite conferences. This exposure will surely give my research abilities a clear direction and purpose.



Photographs from Conference:



Participants of iYGEC6 with the President ISSMGE, Prof. Roger Frank and Chairs and Organizers



During my Presentation in iYGEC6 on Sept. 16, 2017, Seoul National University



At 19th ICSMGE with Prof. Ikuo Towhata (Japan)



At 19th ICSMGE with the new President of ISSMGE, Prof. Charles Ng