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PREFACE

The 7th Australia-New Zealand Conference on Geomechanics continues the series of Regional Conferences of the International Society of Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering, the International Society of Rock Mechanics and the International Association of Engineering Geology held in Australia or New Zealand every four years.

The conference has been organised by the Australian Geomechanics Society in cooperation with the New Zealand Geomechanics Society. The Australian Geomechanics Society is jointly sponsored by the Institution of Engineers, Australia and the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy.

The conference aims to promote dialogue between professionals based in soil and rock mechanics, engineering geology, geophysics and geoenvironmental disciplines within the overall theme of "Geomechanics in a Changing World." Particular emphasis is given to two speciality sessions on "Momentous Occasions" and "Where is Geotechnical Practice Heading?"

The proceedings are presented in a single volume which contains the NZ Geomechanics Lecture, the John Jaeger Memorial Address, theme papers, and all session reports and technical papers.

The support of all conference sponsors is gratefully acknowledged.

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