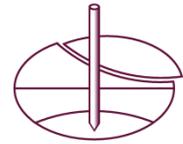


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REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

Your Name: Mohsin Usman Qureshi	Your Society Pakistan Geotechnical Engineering Society Your Organization: Sohar University, PO Box. 44, PC 311 Sohar, Al Batinah.Oman	Date of report: 5-12-2014
Conference Title: 7 th International Congress of Environmental Geotechnics	Location of Conference: Melbourne, Australia	Dates of Conference: 10 – 14, November 2014
What you learned: The environmental geotechnics is a newly emerging field, involves the contribution of natural process in the geotechnical systems. My research interests are recycling-reuse-biocementation which is entirely new to me. 7ICEG was the right place to get exposure of what has been done and what are the future prospects. The keynote lectures were very comprehensive and informative. I got the awareness about various biocementation processes and their limitations, which will help me to decide the most suitable one for application to the geomaterial in Oman. Further a lot of interesting data was presented about the laboratory and field scale studies.		
People you met: Dr. Mitsuhiro Sumikura, Deputy Senior Research Engineer, Shimizu Corporation, Japan Prof. Abdul Malek Bouazza, Congress Chair, Faculty of Engineering, Monash University, Australia Prof. B.V.S. Viswanadham, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, India Prof Mohd Raihan Taha, Director Institute for Environment and Development, University of Kebangsaan Malaysia, Malaysia Ir. Amir Hamzah Bin Mustapha, Managing Director, LR Two Consult Sdn. Bhd, Malaysia Prof. David Williams, Civil Engineering, University of Queensland, Australia Prof. Manoj Datta, Civil Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology Dehli, Dehli, India Prof. Edward Kavazanjan, Jr, Civil Engineering, Arizona State University, USA		
Main features of conference: The congress gathered more than 300 researchers and professionals of related backgrounds from around the world. The congress covered most of the demanding topics in the form of keynote lectures and the oral and poster presentations. Congress also provided the opportunity for the short courses related to “Geosynthetics in landfills and other barrier systems” and “Cover systems for landfills and mine waste storage facilities: current international practices and design for long-term conditions”. The main themes of congress were “Containment & Management of Waste”, “Energy Geoenvironmental Technology”, “Containment & Management of Waste”, “Developments in geosynthetics for environmental protection”, “Biogeotechnical Engineering” and “Soil, ground vapor and groundwater remediation and redevelopment of derelict land” Venue of the congress was at the Melbourne convention and exhibition center on the bank of Yaara river, which provided beautiful scenic views. We did not have to visit the Melbourne Zoo to see Australian Quala, because the congress organizers brought the one to exhibit during a tea break which became point of interest for the participants. The conference also provided the socializing opportunity during the gala dinner at the National Gallery of Victoria. Best paper awards were also given from each theme of the congress. Moreover, I had chance to witness the interesting facts about the geology and geography of the Australian continent, such as the great ocean road the twelve apostles, which reflected the pace of natural processes in the makeup of Australian coastline.		



Your comments on the conference:

The overall management of the conference was very good. The Conference provided excellent platform for the young and expert researchers to meet and get benefit to excel their research, make contacts for future collaborations.

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Photographs from Conference:



Presenting at the Conference



A view of 12 apostles on the Australian coastline



A view of conference gathering with Quala