



**ISSMGE FOUNDATION
REPORT ON CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE**

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| <p><i>Conference title:</i> The Fifth International Young Geotechnical Engineers' Conference (5thYGECE 2013)</p> | <p><i>Location of Conference:</i> Ecole des Ponts, Paris Tech, Paris, FRANCE</p> | <p><i>Date of Conference:</i> August 31, September 1st , 2013</p> |
| <p>What you learned:</p> <p>I gained a lot of plenary lectures by professional geotechnical, paper presentations by young dynamic and various comments and questions during interactive session's engineers. I received a better understanding of the importance of reaching conclusions that adds to knowledge and not just a summary of a research or what is already known. I could also enjoy the benefits of the use of geotechnical engineering software that makes the analysis much faster and easier to handle. I also learned that it is essential to fully understand the assumptions governing their best equation for each application. Since this was my first time to participate in such an event, I win a lot of others especially in the form of presentations and especially the exchanges we had during breaks and during lunch. The comments that were made after my presentation will allow me to improve further work on my research.</p> | | |
| <p>People you met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Prof. YU-JUN CUI, Ecole des Ponts Paris Tech- Fabrice EMERIAULT, Institut national polytechnique de Grenoble- Siavash GHABEZLOO, Ecole des Ponts Paris Tech- Jean-Michel PEREIRA, Ecole des Ponts Paris Tech- Anh Minh TANG, Ecole des Ponts Paris Tech- Séverine BEAUNIER, Ponts Formation Conseil- And fellow young geotechnical engineers/participants from Japan, Korea, China, Senegal, Germany, Russia, Italy, Albania, Soudan, Mozambique, Lebanon, etc | | |
| <p>Main features of conference:</p> <p>The conference focused on technically consistent and rewarding subjects and held for two days. Three plenary sessions were held simultaneously in the amphitheater of the Ecole des Ponts. The research presented by young geotechnical engineers focused on the following themes: Slope Stability, Laboratory Testing, Ground Improvement, Foundations, Modeling, Earthworks, Tunnel and Underground Structure, In-Situ Testing, Soil Behavior, Earthquake and Geodynamics, Retaining Structures, Monitoring.</p> | | |

Your comments on the conference:

The organization of the conference was well done. The welcome by the members of the organizing committee were very friendly. Coffee breaks and lunch we were able to exchange contacts with many new people. personally I think it has been successful in its entirety

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The Fifth International Conference of Young Geotechnical Engineers (5iYGEC) organized by the French Committee of Soil Mechanics under the auspices of the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering saw the participation of nearly 70 young geotechnical engineers . Approximately 57 countries on 5 continents were represented. The breakdown is as follows :

- 57% of Europe,
- 6% of North America,
- 5% of South America,
- 11% of Africa
- 19% of Asia,
- 2 % of Oceania.

I have had the privilege to be nominated by the Transnational Committee Geotechnical Africa (CTGA) to be one of the African representatives.

The conference began August 31, 2013 with a speech by the President and members of the organizing committee Prof. YU -JUN CUI, A. of Labourdonnaye Dr. Mestat , J. Nicks .

I attended as a young geotechnical engineer and presented my research on " INVESTIGATIONS ON ELASTIC MODULUS OF CRUSHED GRAVEL IN CAMEROON USING deflections". The venue was the Ecole des Ponts Paris-Tech, Marne- la-Vallée, France in the city of Paris.

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The conference provided a good atmosphere for profitable interactions and discussions through coffee breaks and lunch between the technical sessions.

Finally, I am very grateful vis-à- vis the ISSMGE Foundation for financial support that enabled me to attend the 5 iYGEC'13. I will not fail to express my gratitude to all those who are related to the Foundation donors through the ISSMGE President , ISSMGE Vice- President for Africa , the administration of ISSMGE and anyone else who contributed to the subsidy



Photograph of me in discussion after my presentation



Family photograph