

NEWS ON RECENT CONFERENCE

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON GROUND IMPROVEMENT AND GROUND CONTROL

Wollongong University hosted the International Conference on Ground Improvement and Ground Control from 30th October to 2nd November 2012. Showcasing ground improvement concepts and applications in the fields of transport infrastructure and natural hazards mitigation, the conference acted as a platform to disseminate the most recent research and field advances to the global geotechnical community. Over 300 participants from 30 countries took part. Outstanding Keynote lectures, State of Art presentations, Heritage lectures and numerous technical discussions were delivered during the three days of scientific and technical discourse elucidating a comprehensive coverage of the current State-of-the-Art in Ground Improvement from theory to practice. The technical program was complimented with excursions encompassing reclaimed land at Port Kembla designed by the University of Wollongong's geotechnical group and landslide hazards mitigation works at the Lawrence Hargrave Drive Bridge.

During the closing ceremony, University of Wollongong's Professor Buddhima Indraratna, was awarded the prestigious Medal of the Eurasian National University for his contributions to ground improvement and transport geotechnology making a significant international impact. The medal has previously been awarded to a wide cross-section of the professional community, artists, political and religious leaders. Professor Indraratna is the second civil engineer to receive this award which was presented by Professor Askar Zhussupbekov, a senior representative of the Eurasian National University and current Vice-President for ASIA of the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering.

Highlights of the events

Opening Ceremony



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Invited speakers



Prof. Jean-Louis Briaud, Texas A&M University
College Station, USA
ISSMGE President



Prof. Buddhima Indraratna
Conference Chairman



Prof. Sarah Springman, ETH Zurich
Hönggerberg, Switzerland



Prof. Serge Leroueil, Laval University,
Canada

Discussion during the conference



A photograph of three men in suits talking. One man is holding a glass, and they are standing in front of a banner that says 'GLOBAL SYNTHETICS'.

A photograph of two men in suits talking. One man is holding a glass, and they are standing in front of a banner that says 'COFFEE'.

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Conference banquet



Medal and Award Recipients

Best paper award sponsored by the ARC Centre of Excellence in Geotechnical Science and Engineering

L.S. Sowmiya, J.T. Shahu
& K.K. Gupta

Effect of Geosynthetics Reinforcement on Clayey Subgrade - Three Dimensional Finite Element Analysis on Railway Track



Best paper award sponsored by the ARC Centre of Excellence in Geotechnical Science and Engineering

D. Lombardi, A. Flora & S. Lirer

A New Approach for Reducing Seismic Hazard on Existing Buildings by Unusual Deep Soil Grouting



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Best paper award sponsored by the Australian Geomechanics Society

Richard Kelly

*Assessment of Smear Parameters
for Use in Wick Drain Design*



Medal of the Eurasian National University

Professor Buddhima Indraratna



Closing Ceremony



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Korean Geotechnical Society and Kazakhstan Geotechnical Society Joint Geotechnical Seminar

The Korean Geotechnical Society (KGS) and Kazakhstan Geotechnical Society (KGS) held a joint seminar on August 21st-22nd in the University of Incheon, Korea with 40 KGS members and 13 visitors from the Republic of Kazakhstan. This was the second such meeting between the two societies in two years, the first being held in Astana, Kazakhstan on July 20th, 2010.

In the Opening Ceremony, KGS President Prof. Yeon-Soo Jang welcomed Kazakhstan friends first, and Prof. Askar Zhussupbekov (ISSMGE VP for Asia), the President of Kazakhstan Geotechnical Society, returned a Congratulatory Address.



Welcome Address by Prof. Yeon-Soo Jang
(President of Korean Geotechnical Society)



Returned Congratulatory Address by Prof. Askar Zhussupbekov (President of Kazakhstan Geotechnical Society; ISSMGE VP Asia)



Gift presentation (traditional Kazakhstan and Korean clothes)



Group photograph
(after the Opening Ceremony)