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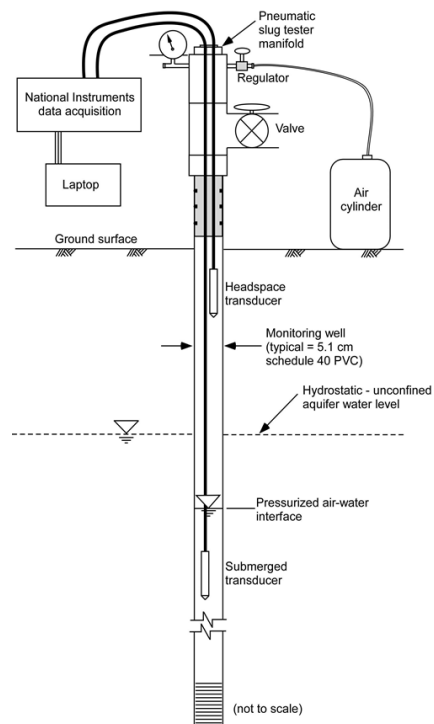
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CPT Testing in Peat (after Long & Boylan, 2012)



Dilatometer Earth Pressure Cell
(after Lutenegeger, 2012)



Hydraulic Conductivity Test
(After DeGroot et al, 2012; Dunaj et al. 2006)

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PREFACE

This special issue the journal is focused on in-situ testing of soils and covers recent developments in equipment and data interpretation, results from field programs conducted at research test sites, and case histories.

In-situ testing and soil sampling with subsequent laboratory testing are the key components of geotechnical site investigation practice. Because of the wide range of soils and soil behavioural response that can be encountered during a site investigation there is correspondingly a large variety of in-situ tools that have been developed and used in practice. Collectively, the eight papers in this special issue touch on aspects of many of the common devices including: standard penetration test, piezocone, seismic piezcone, field vane, seismic dilatometer, pressure-meter, full-flow penetrometers, and earth pressure cells. Topics include determination of key soil properties for design such as undrained shear strength, shear wave velocity, pre-consolidation stress, effective stress friction angle, lateral earth pressure, cyclic resistance, and hydraulic conductivity. Results presented in the papers cover the full spectrum of soils including low and high plasticity clays, sensitive clays, plastic and non-plastic silts, sands, gravels and peat. The data presented for the case histories and also that collected at the research test sites provide a valuable frame of reference for future investigations in similar soils.

The Guest Editors thank the authors for their contributions and all the reviewers for the time and dedication in reviewing the manuscripts. We also thank Prof A. S. Balasubramaniam and Dr T.A. Ooi for the opportunity to serve as Guest Editors and especially for their constant encouragement and assistance during the preparation of this issue and guiding its publication to fruition.

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The December 2012 Issue of the journal have Tom Lunne from Norwegian Geotechnical Institute (NGI) and Prof. Don J De Groot from University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA as Guest Editors. This Special Issue is devoted to In-situ testing of soils. NGI is in the forefront of in-situ testing and instrumentation from early 1950 with Arild Andressen, Gunar Aas and Dr. Elmo Dibiagio, with Tom Lunne and others.

There are eight excellent papers authored by: A. S. Bradshaw, A. C. Morales-Velez, and C.D.P. Baxter; A. Emdal, M. Long, A. Bihs, A. Gylland and N. Boylan; Alan J. Lutenege; T. Ku and P.W. Mayne; M. Long and N. Boylan; K.H. Goh, K. Jeyatharan and D. Wen; D.J. De Groot, D.W. Ostendorf, and A.I. Judge; and F. A. B. Danziger and T. Lunne. The topics covered include: Evaluation of Existing CPT Correlations in Silt; Characterisation of Quick Clay at Dragvoll, Trondheim, Norway; Field Response of Push-In Earth Pressure Cells for Instrumentation and Site Characterization of Soils; Frequent-Interval SDMT and Continuous SCPTu for Detailed Shear Wave Velocity Profiling in Soils; In Situ Testing of Peat – a Review and Update on Recent Developments; Understanding the stiffness of soils in Singapore from pressuremeter testing; In situ measurement of hydraulic conductivity of saturated soils; and Rate effect on cone penetration test in sand.

Tom Lunne and Prof. Don J De Groot must be congratulated in having such excellent articles from well known authors in in-situ testing of soils. Sincere thanks are due to all the contributing authors.

All the four Issues in March, June, September and December for the year 2012 are released well in time and the credits must go to the Guest Editors, reviewers and the in-house editorial teams. We now look ahead for the Issues of 2013 for which the Guest Editors are in advanced stage with the preparation. Special Issues on important topics are covered in the 2011 and 2012 Issues and the articles would be of great value to practitioners as well as researchers.

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