

## NEWS

### *5th International Conference on Recent Advances in Geotechnical Earthquake Engineering and Soil Dynamics and Symposium in Honor of Professor I.M. Idriss*

This conference took place from May 26-29, 2010, in San Diego, California in USA. As shown in its title, this conference is the fifth occasion in its history that has been organized since 1981 by Prof. Shamsheer Prakash of Missouri University of Science and Technology. One of the aims of this occasion in this year was to respect Prof. I.M. Idriss who made long and tremendous contributions to the development and practice of geotechnical earthquake engineering. The conference attracted 366 paper submissions and 417 participants from 51 countries. Presentations and discussions started at 8 A.M. and lasted till 9 P.M.. Participants were able to fully enjoy this good opportunity to exchange information and opinions in the field of geotechnical earthquake engineering and disaster mitigation. During the conference, the Shamsheer Prakash Award of 2010 for young professionals was presented to Tara Hutchinson from USA and Jean-Francois Semblat from France for their research achievements, while Allen William Cadden from USA and Zygmunt Lubkowski from UK were honored for their excellent practices. A post-conference tour to the University of California San Diego Englekirk Center was enjoyed by 90 of the conference participants. The tour was a collaboration between the University of California San Diego, University of California Santa Barbara, University of Texas, and University of California Los Angeles. Participants observed demonstrations of some of the most impressive and significant large-scale earthquake engineering research equipment in the U.S.

Photographs below present the conference chairman, Prof. Prakash, together with his assistants Tammy Mace and Lindsay Bagnall, and participants gathering before a session of the ongoing discussion.

