

## **IGS - ISSMGE Seminar - Opening Address**

**On behalf of the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE) it is for me a great honour and pleasure to address the delegates in this Opening Ceremony of Joint IGS - ISSMGE Seminar .**

**I would like to express on behalf of the ISSMGE my deep gratitude to the Organizing Committee and particularly to Eng. Emil Morales, Dr. Lilia Austriaco and Mr. Thomas Wimntermahr for their devotion and skill to overcome the difficulties to organise this seminar.**

**The valuable contributions of the Invited Lecturers, Dr. Ooi Aun, Prof. Dennes Bergado, Dr. Lai Poon are also greatly acknowledged. I would like to wish all the participants a profitable Seminar and a pleasant stay here in Manila.**



# **International Society Soil Mechanics Geotechnical Engineering Technical Committees**

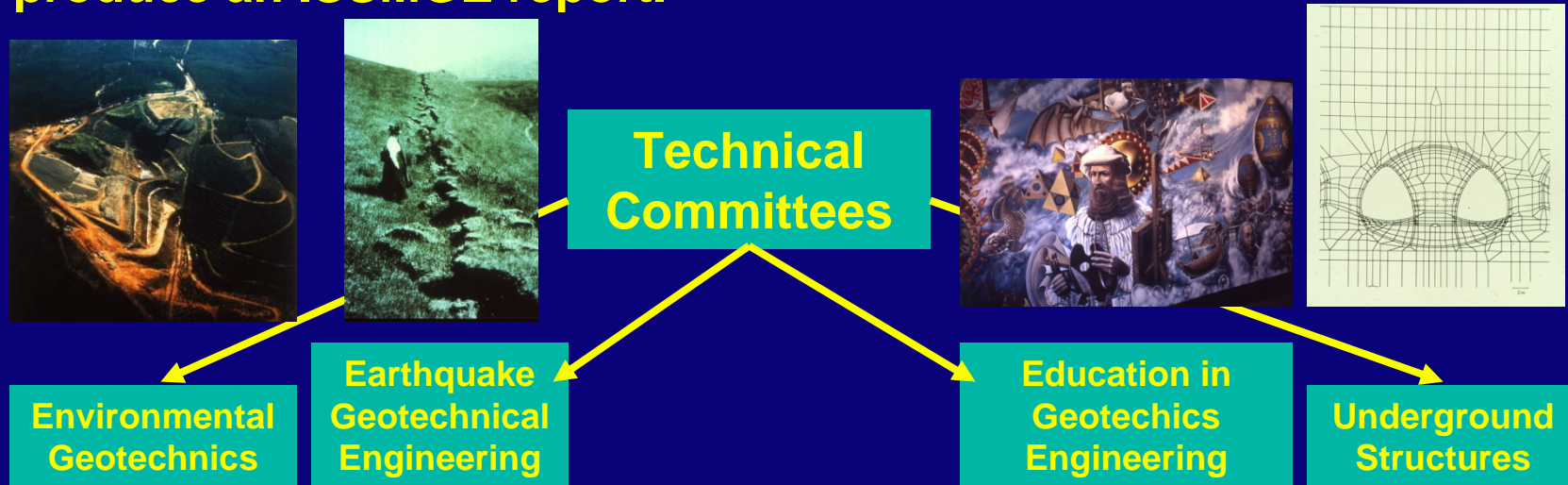
- **ISSMGE wants to play an important role helping the geotechnical community to explore the best ways for research, design, construction and assessment of geotechnical structures safety in order to reach the expectations and targets of our Society during the third Millennium**
- **Through our 24 Technical Committees and our Conferences we have the responsibility to interact with the Society**
- **Very recognisable topics, such as: transportation, environmental, geo hazards, preservation of historic sites, education, professional practice and safety evaluation are a good opportunity**

# THE ROLE OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

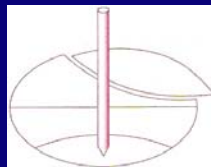
The TCs are the spine of ISSMGE, a forum of discussion contributing for the advancement of knowledge in geotechnical engineering.

The TCs should disseminate their work, during ISSMGE Conferences, e.g. a Workshop, or Satellite conference.

At the end of each tenure each Technical Committee should produce an ISSMGE report.



Creation of JTCs ISSMGE, ISRM and IAEG on Landslides, Geo-Engineering Data, Professional Practice, Education and Training, Ancient Monuments, Soft Rocks and Indurated Soils.



# ISSMIGE TECHNICAL COMMITTEES



**Total = 24 Technical Committees**

# REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES FOR YOUNG GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERS

2008 Bangalore - India	- 6 th	AYGEC
2008 Wellington - Australia	- 8 th	AYGEC
2008 Gyor - Hungary	- 19 th	EYGEC
2007 Tunis - Tunisie	- 2 th	AYGEC
2009 Cordoba- Argentina	- 3rd	SAYGEC
2000 Southampton - UK	- 1 th	IYGEC
2003 Mamaia – Romania	- 2 th	IYGEC
2005 Osaka – Japan	- 3 th	IYGEC
2009 Alexandria - Egypt	- 4 th	IYGEC



# TASK FORCES

- **TF1 - Geo-Engineering Resources/Education**
- **TF2 - ISSMGE Industrial Liaison and Professional Practice**
- **TF3 - Role and Format of ISSMGE Conferences**
- **TF4 - Communications, Information and Information Technology**

**Following the memorable words of Anatole France:  
“To accomplish great things we must not only act,  
But also dream, not only plan, but also believe,  
And the belief in a thing makes it happen”.**

## **Touring Lectures-International ISSMGE Seminars**

- **To address a topic selected by the Host Society**
- **To address the interests of practitioner engineers**
- **To attract young geotechnical engineers**
- **To incorporate a good mix of routine and modern soil mechanics and to cover case histories**
- **To allocate after each lecture a period for discussions, in order to stimulate questions and to share experiences from the participants**
- **To have a strong local support and by preference in the native language (english, french or spanish)**
- **To have the support of Industry**
- **2 days of lectures delivered by 4 international experts appointed by the Co-ordinator and 2 lecturers appointed by the Host Society**
- **In the 3rd day a technical visit (optional)**
- **All the written versions of the lectures should be sent to the Host Society with 2 months in advance in order to be prepared a Seminar Volume/CD-Rom**



# ISSMGE SEMINARS



**Total = 21 Touring Lectures/International Seminars**

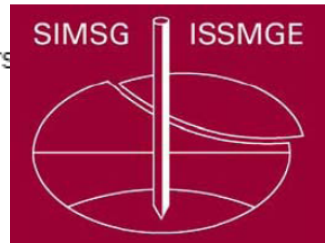
## Touring Lectures-International ISSMGE Seminars

- I will summarize this rich experience in the following words:
- There is still much darkness in the world. But trust me, there is also more light in it than ever. So many people have come to realize that you can curse the darkness or you can have the courage to be one who lights a candle.
- We want all of you to make part of our community, to promote your growth and to make you feel that you are contributing for our dream come true.
- I enjoy interacting with people, because I believe when people like me, know me and trust me, they will help me with new ideas and interesting insights.

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**Thanking for your co-operation I would like to transmit a message of hope remembering the lines of Aristotle.**

**“We are what we do  
Consistently,  
So the excellence  
Is not an act  
But a practice.”**



# ISSMGE JOURNAL

- The International Journal of Geoengineering Case Histories (<http://casehistories.geoengineer.org>) can make a difference to the profession since it is a non-profit effort and is suited to the needs of geo-professionals worldwide
- It is a high quality, refereed publication, and is available at no cost online so that it can be easily accessible globally by practicing and research engineers that may not afford another journal subscription
- The journal also focuses on the practice of the profession and the promotion of useful field data that typically do not get published
- It allows the use of color photos, and papers are accompanied by digital data and online supplemental databases
- Finally all projects are included in a google earth database. The journal is also indexed by the Georef database

# **INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR SOIL MECHANICS AND GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING (ISSMGE) INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES**

**The geotechnics torch from Cambridge in 1936, where took place the 1st International Conference of Soil Mechanics and Foundations Engineering, has already cross the following cities: Rotterdam, Zurich, London, Paris, Montreal, Mexico, Moscow, Tokyo, Stockholm, S. Francisco, Rio de Janeiro, New Deli, Hamburg, Istanbul, Osaka and Alexandria, with a periodicity of four years, and reached Paris for the 18 th International Conference of Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering on September 2013.**

## **ISSMGE REGIONAL CONFERENCES**

**2011 (May ) - Hong Kong - XIV ARCSMGE -  
China**

**2011 (June, 13-16) - Maputo - XV ARCSMGE-  
Mozambique**

**2011 (September, 13-18) - Athens - X V ECSMGE  
Greece**

**2011 (October, 2-6 ) - Toronto - XIV PCSMGE  
Canada**

**2011 (November, 8-11) – Melbourne - XI ANZSMGE  
Australia**

**Last but not least I would like to address to all delegates a word of praise and gratitude for your contributions and a message of hope that this Seminar will allow us to develop a feeling of universal responsibility and with the joint co-operation of Decision-Makers, General Public, Researchers, Professors, Designers and Contractors to create the ambition to serve better our Society.**

**I believe that all of you will agree with Julia Carney memorable lines**

**“Little drops of water, little grains of  
Sand,  
Make the mighty ocean and the pleasant  
Land.  
So the little minutes, humble though  
They be,  
Make the mighty ages of eternity”**