

NEWS FROM TECHNICAL COMMITTEE-1

Technical meeting of TC207 - Workshop on Soil-Structure Interaction and Retaining Walls", Dubrovnik, CROATIA, 6-8 October 2011

Technical Committee TC207 belongs to one of the 30 Technical Committees of ISSMGE. The principal area of research at TC207 encompasses issues of Soil-Structure Interaction and Retaining Walls. The Committee currently has 44 members from 28 countries. For details, visit the website at <http://www.tc207ssi.org/main-page.html>.

Croatian Geotechnical Society (HGD) and ISSMGE Technical Committee 207 joined their forces in organizing an international event entitled "Technical Meeting TC207 - Workshop on soil-structure interaction and retaining walls". The meeting was held in Valamar President Hotel in Dubrovnik on 6-8 October 2011.



Historical Centre of Dubrovnik, Croatia.



Participants of the meeting: "Technical Meeting TC207 - Workshop on Soil-Structure Interaction and Retaining Walls", Dubrovnik, Croatia, 6-8.10.2011. (From left to right: Catherine Jacquard, Predrag Kvasnička, Ana Hršak, Bruno Škacan, Željana Skazlić, Guido Gottardi, Igor Sokolić, Victor CW Ong, Igor Sorić, Vladimir Lukin, Chris Haberfield, Michael Lisyuk, Konstantin Shashkin, Vladimir Ulitsky, Nik Kurchanov, Lars Vollmert, Polina Zimina, Igor Fomenko, Mandy Korff, Richard Finno, Ivana Lukić, Yasser El-Mossallamy, Olga Kuvaldina).

23 specialists from 9 countries participated in the meeting in Dubrovnik (12 TC207 members, 6 HGD members and 6 other ISSMGE members).

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The technical program of the meeting included lectures and special presentations, as well as papers and discussions of the Committee's main Task Forces' activities, viz.:

- Task Force 1. Guidelines on Soil-Structure Interaction (leaders - Chris Haberfield and Konstantin, Shashkin),
- Task Force 2. Retaining Walls (leader - Yasser El-Mossallamy), and
- Task Force 3. Website of the TC207 (leader - Michael Lisyuk).

For each task there was a detailed report by the Task Force Leader presenting results of current work and outlining plans for future progress.



Presentations and discussions at the meeting.



Gala dinner and the City Tour.

During discussions the leader of Task Force 2 Yasser El-Mossallamy proposed to organize a sub-committee on Retaining Walls to encourage more efficient work in this direction. The proposal was approved, whereupon the sub-committee members were appointed. The ensuing meeting of the newly established sub-committee defined its main tasks and priorities.

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The participants also enjoyed two key-note lectures, viz.:

"Preservation and reconstruction of historic monuments in Saint Petersburg with account of Soil-Structure Interaction" (V. Ulitsky, C.S. hashkin, M. Lisyuk), and
"Footing Design of the Nakheel Tower, Dubai, UAE" (C. Haberfield)

Additionally, 13 scientific reports were presented.

All the papers were published in the Proceedings: "Technical meeting TC207 - Workshop on Soil-Structure Interaction and Retaining Walls".

The social program of the meeting included a gala dinner at the meeting venue and a tour to the City of Dubrovnik and the historic City Center.

According to the members of the Organizing Committee and all participants, the meeting and the workshop were quite successful, achieving all the main goals previously set. The members of the TC successfully exchanged their experience and results of their current work in the TC. Additionally, the workshop was attended by practitioners involved with large-scale construction projects.

Based on exceedingly profound and intensive deliberations, the committee members ratified plans for future progress. All participants contributed to knowledge in the field of Soil-Structure Interaction and Retaining Walls. Also, further contacts among TC207 members and other specialists were established, giving the opportunity for quality progress and future work of the TC. The contributions of TC207 and Croatian Geotechnical Society are well recognized among the members of the ISSMGE.

The Proceedings of the Workshop can be ordered at: Lisyuk@gmail.com

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