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Seventh International Conference on Geosynthetics Nice, France, 22 to 27 September 2002

he Seventh International Conference on Geosynthetics (7ICG), which will be held on 22 to 27 September 2002 in Nice,

France, is rapidly approaching.

The IGS Conferences are intended to benefit all experts working in the geosynthetics field, whether researchers or academics, designers, contractors, engineers, or operators. In the space of just a few days, both scientists and practitioners will be able to gather information that

Embracing the future and innovation are fundamental aspects of the 7IGC. A great deal of emphasis will be placed on young and up-and-

it would normally take

several months to find.

coming authors, and on papers presenting techniques that are innovative or that explore new geosynthetics applications.

Attendees of the second meeting of the International Selection Committee (ISC) in Paris, France, 14 to 15 June 2002 (left to right): F. Tatsuoka (ISC), J. Greenwood (ISC), H. Girard (Scientific Secretary), M. Heibaum (ISC), G. Bajard (General Secretary), Ph. Delmas (Conference Chair), M.N. Renard (Organising Commitee), D. Cazzuffi (ISC), Ph. Bourdeau (International Relations), J.P. Gourc (Scientific Chair), D. Leschinski (ISC).

The focus of the Conference is the scientific programme. The role of the following five-member International Selection Committee (ISC) was con-

sidered critical for the success of the Conference: D. Cazzuffi, J. Greenwood, M. Heibaum, D. Leschinsky, and F. Tatsuoka.

The second ISC meeting was recently held in Paris, France on 14 to 15 June 2002, where ISC Members were welcomed by J.P. Gourc, Scientific Chair, H. Girard, Scientific Secretary, and Ph. Bourdeau, International Relations. The work of the ISC was strongly supported by the General Secretary, in particular M.N. Renard, G. Bajard, and J.L. Abrlé.

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The first item of the meeting agenda was dedicated to the status of the scientific organization of the Conference. More than 290 papers were reviewed and accepted, representing a large number of different countries (Table 1).

At the end of the meeting, Ph. Delmas, Chair of the Organizing Committee, joined the group to finalise the Conference Programme.

The Programme covers a wide variety of subjects having no less than four Keynote Lectures and the Giroud Lecture, 20 General Sessions, and 16 Special Sessions, which are workshops that took several months to organize and are led by previously selected Leaders/co-Leaders (Table 2).

To provide each author the maximum opportunity to display their work the following will be offered:

- Posters will be displayed throughout the duration of the Conference (not as frequently during one day), at a highly visible location at the front of the Exhibition Hall where the aperitif will be served.
- Oral presentations in the General Sessions will be limited to eight minutes (eight presentations per session), using exclusively

MS PowerPoint presentations.

Four sessions (General or Special Sessions) will be organized in parallel. To accommodate participants who may be interested in two or more simultaneous sessions, PowerPoint presentations of every session will be available for viewing during the Conference in specific rooms.

Table 1. Number of papers to be presented at the 7ICG by country.

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ALGERIA	2	GREECE	5	ROMANIA	3
AUSTRALIA	11	INDIA	7	RUSSIA	1
AUSTRIA	3	IRAN	3	SINGAPORE	9
BANGLADESH	3	IRELAND	3	SLOVAKIA	2
BELGIUM	3	ITALY	14	SOUTH AFRICA	6
BRAZIL	31	JAPAN	39	SPAIN	3
CANADA	15	KOREA	7	SWEDEN	1
CHINA	37	KUWAIT	1	SWITZERLAND	3
CROATIA	1	LUXEMBOURG	1	TAIWAN	12
CZECH REPUBLIC	4	MALAYSIA	4	THAILAND	5
DENMARK	1	MOROCCO	1	THE NETHERLANDS	12
EGYPT	1	NEW ZEALAND	1	TUNISIA	3
FINLAND	3	NORWAY	5	TURKEY	1
FRANCE	48	POLAND	6	UNITED KINGDOM	28
GERMANY	36	PORTUGAL	3	USA	69

The provisional Programme is presented below. The parallel sessions are classified according to the following four general topics during the week:

- · geotechnical engineering and reinforced structures,
- environmental engineering,
- · transportation and hydraulic engineering, and
- · geosynthetics properties.

Programme

The Conference Programme has been carefully planned such that attendees can easily find presentations of interest to them.

The updated list of technical contributions and the updated Programme is

published on the Conference website (see end of article for the website).

To facilitate the introduction of newcomers to the geosynthetics world, an introductory training course has been organised for Saturday, 22 September 2002 under the leadership of H. Brandl (Austria) with the assistance of J. Bowders (USA), N. Dixon (UK), and D. Vidal (Brazil).

An exhibition of geosynthetic products, technologies, and services will be held in parallel and will bring together over 70 exhibitors from 21 countries around the world, presenting the latest products as well as pursuing and building on exchanges of ideas and contacts between companies, experts, and users.

Specific promotion of the Exhibition has been organised to attract outside visitors from surrounding countries who normally do not attend the IGS Conferences. In this respect, opportunities have been given to Exhibitors to provide specific technical presentations during the sponsored sessions. Being promotional presentations, they are nevertheless under the control

Session Topic	Session Leader (s)				
Dams	P. Royet (France), D. Cazzuffi (Italy)				
Geosynthetic containers	M. Heibaum (Germany), M.K. Breteler (Netherlands)				
Railways	P. Godart (Belgium)				
Seismic stability of reinforced soil walls: case histories	F. Tatsuoka (Japan), H. Ling (USA)				
Seismic stability of reinforced soil walls: new	F. Tatsuoka (Japan), H. Ling (USA)				
applications, design, and practice					
Geosynthetic design software	D. Leshchinsky (USA), R.H. Chen (Taiwan)				
Reinforced embankments on piles	C. Jones (UK), C. Lawson (Malaysia)				
Embankments in zones prone to subsidence	JC. Blivet (France), V. Rao (India)				
Clay geosynthetic barriers	H. Zanzinger (Germany), A. Cancelli (Italy)				
Geomembrane liners on steep slopes and walls	I. Peggs (USA), HY. Jeon (Korea)				
Interface friction: peak, residual, or in-between	R. Koerner (USA)				
Long-term durability	A. Bezuijen (Netherlands), D. Suits (USA)				
Creep, rupture, and accelerated testing under load	J. Greenwood (UK), S. Thorton (USA)				
Retention capability and clogging of geotextiles	J. Lafleur (Canada), W. Wolski (Poland)				
Geomembrane selection for landfills	J.P. Giroud (USA), N. Touze-Foltz (France)				
IGS student session	A. Rollin (Canada)				
Video-show (live from United States): Load testing of	M. Adams (USA)				
full-scale reinforced abutments					



of the Scientific Committee, who have ensured the technical level of the Conference presentations. To date, many events have been sponsored by more than 63 companies or

organisations.

A gala evening, in traditional French style and full of surprises, will be held on Thursday evening near Nice. For the sporting-minded, the traditional football match will be held on Tuesday evening and will be followed by a "Pétanque" game and an informal dinner. A mini marathon is scheduled for the Sunday morning. Please register for these activities as soon as possible.

A number of wonderful activities for accompanying persons will be offered every day during the Conference.

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> reported by Philippe Delmas (Conference Chair and IGS Council Member), Jean Pierre Gourc (Scientific Chair and IGS Council Member), and Daniele Cazzuffi (International Selection Committee and IGS Vice President)

Events and scientific program for the Seventh International Conference on Geosynthetics, 7IGC.

							General Sessions		Special Sessions									
Friday	Satu	ırday	Sunday 22	Time	Monday 23	Monday 23		Tuesday 24			Thursday 26		Friday 27					
											IGS Council							
				09:00	Keynote Lecture: LANDFILLS		Keynote Lecture: DAMAGE TO GEOSYNTHETICS		Keynote Lecture: FILTRATION		Keynote Lecture: MODELLING SOIL- GEOSYNTHETIC INTERACTION							
Meeting IGS Officers Meeting IGS Council					Coffee break		Coffee break		Coffee break		Coffee break							
	, control	Council			Seismic Stability of RSW (I): Case Histories	_	Geosynthetic Design Software	-	Reinforced Embankments on Piles		Micro-Reinforcement and Element Tests		ę,					
	201 suites	eeting IGS			Geomembranes for Landfills		Landfill Barriers, Hydraulic Behaviour		Geomembrane Liners on Steep Slopes and Walls		Erosion Control		Farewell Brunch					
	M	Ice-breaker Sunday (mini marathon)		Geosynthetics, Market, and Quality	7	Geotextiles Filters and Drains		Retention Capacity and Clogging of Geotextiles		Railways		Fare						
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							Lunch "Young IGS Award"		Lunch		Lunch							
					Sponsored Technical Session		Sponsored Technical Session		Sponsored Technical Session		Clay Geosynthetic Barriers							
Meeting IGS Officers Meeting IGS Council					Seismic Stability of RSW (II): New Applications, Design, and Practice		Interface Friction, Peak, Residual, or In-Between			bition	Geosynthetic Reinforced Structures, Analysis, and Design							
		Course								Seismic Stability of RSW: New Applications, Design, and Practice (II)	biti	Sponsored Technical session	hibi	hibi x hi	h i	Drainage and Soil Consolidation Beneath Embankments	Exhib	
					Waste Confinement	Exhi	Reinforced Walls and Slopes	Εx	Exhibition		Drainage and Soil Consolidation Beneath Embankments	Ξ.						
	Geosynthetics Training Course	Opening Session		Pavements		Dams				Pipe Protection and Geosynthetic Containers		12						
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		Giroud Lecture		Exhibition		Reservoir and Canal Liners		FHWA Video (to be confirmed)		IGS Student Session								
						Railway and Road Drainage				Miscellaneous Mechanical Problems								
							Geosynthetics Mechanical Interaction		IGS General Assembly	-	"IGS Main Award" Closing Session							
				19:00			Departure to Football Match		100 General Assembly									
			Welcome Cocktail				Football match				Gala Dinner							
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Call for the IGS Ordinary General Assembly (OGA) to be held at the Seventh International Conference on Geosynthetics (7ICG)

A II IGS Members are invited to attend the IGS Ordinary General Assembly (OGA), which will be held on Wednesday, 25 September 2002 in Nice, France at the 7IGC. The meeting will begin at 1600 hours.

If the required quorum of 25% of the voting membership is not present or represented at the OGA, a new OGA will be held for which the quorum rules will be suspended. In this case, the second OGA will be held on Wednesday, 25 September 2002 at 1700.

The proposed agenda for the General Assembly is as follows:

- Opening of the OGA (IGS Members only) and welcome to the membership (President)
- 2. Quorum (Secretary)
- 3. Presentation of the procedure for the OGA and appointment of poll tellers (Secretary)

- 4. Approval of the minutes of the preceding OGA (Secretary) *Vote*
- 5. Address and report of the IGS President
- Report of the IGS Secretary
- 7a. Report of the IGS Treasurer
- 7b. Report of the IGS Finance Committee.
- 7c. Approval of the Financial Report (Treasurer) *Vote*
- 7d. Proposed subscription fee (Treasurer) *Vote*
- 8. Approval of the Society's activities (President) *Vote*
- 9. Election of the IGS President and Vice President (President)
- 10a. Presentation of the Candidate(s) for IGS President
- 10b. Election of the IGS President *Vote*
- 10c. Announcement of the IGS President Elect

- 10d. Presentation of the Candidate(s) for IGS Vice President
- 10e. Election of the IGS Vice President Vote
- 10f. Announcement of the IGS Vice President Elect
- 10g. Announcement of the IGS Council Members Elect
- 11. Appointment of the Financial (Audit) Committee
- 12. Selection of the date of the 9th
 International Geosynthetics Conference (2010) (to be held after the
 8th International Geosynthetics
 Conference in Tokyo in 2006)
 (President) Vote
- 13. Selection of the date and location of the next OGA (Secretary) *Vote*
- 14. Other business (President)
- 15. Closing remarks (President)

reported by P.E. Stevenson IGS Secretary

IGS Officer and Council Meetings to be held at the *7IGC*, September 2002

he following IGS Council and Officer meetings will be held in conjunction with the 7IGC:

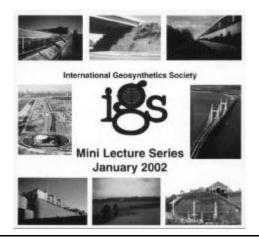
- Friday, September 20, Officers Meeting, 0900-1700
- Saturday, September 21, Council Meeting, 0900-1700
- Wednesday, September 25, IGS General Assembly, 1600-1700
- Thursday, September 26, IGS Council Meeting, time to be announced.

reported by P.E. Stevenson IGS Secretary

IGS Mini Lecture Series, January 2002 - CD ROM

B y now, all IGS Members should have received a copy of the CD-ROM containing 17 lectures on various aspects of geosynthetics.

The lectures have each been prepared by eminent practitioners and are intended to be used as selfteaching modules for new (and not so new) members of the industry, for students, and also as the basis for education of the wider community by means of presentations and seminars given by IGS Members.



The IGS Education Committee have guided and reviewed the lectures in preparation and believe them to be a fair and impartial guide to current practice in polymers, testing, design, and application of all types of geosynthetics.

The list of topics covered is not exhaustive and I would welcome suggestions from IGS Members for additional subjects to be covered – preferably accompanied by a nomination for a suitable author.

The CD-ROM format will allow us to easily update and add to the lectures

at regular intervals and it is hoped that in this way the content can be kept up to date and relevant to all of our Members. However, we need your regular input to ensure that changes in technology or practice are reflected in the lectures.

The Education Committee is charged with helping to achieve the major aims of the IGS namely the collection and dissemination of information and the improvement of communication and understanding on the subject of geosynthetics. For this reason, the CD-Rom is provided in an unprotected format such that it can be copied as required and I encourage IGS Chapters to ensure that it is made available to educators and influencers throughout their territory. For improved presentation of such copies, additional printed sleeve covers can be obtained from the IGS Secretary at a nominal cost. I look forward to receiving comments from Members on the CD and, also, suggested amendments and additions on a regular basis — the goal is to have a CD-ROM product that remains up to date as the industry continues to develop.

reported by Jim Paul IGS Education Committee Chair

Geosynthetics 2003 - Educating for Engineering Solutions 11 to 14 February 2003, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

ducating for Engineering Solutions is the theme for Geosynthetics 2003 to be held 11 to 14
February 2003 at Cobb Galleria, in Atlanta, Georgia, USA.
This theme was developed to empha-

This theme was developed to emphasize the Conference program's focus on education.

Four tracks will highlight the *Geosynthetics 2003* education program, which will include four days of simultaneous short courses featuring geosynthetics and related materials. The four tracks will include geosynthetics, ero-

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sion control, emerging uses of geosynthetics, and a track to address business-related issues.

The *Geosynthetics 2003* Organizing Committee comprises the following individuals: David Suits, Conference Chair; Robert Koerner, Conference Education Chair; Sam Allen, Cooperating Organization Chair; Joseph Luna,

Conference Exhibition Chair; Don Wishon, Georgia DOT Liaison; Mike Kemp, Georgia Environmental Protection Liaison, Pat Picariello, ASTM Liaison; and Danette Fettig,

Secretary General.

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Sardinia 2003

S. Margherita di Pula (Cagliari), Italy, 6 to 10 October 2003 First Announcement and Call for Abstracts

ardinia 2003, the Ninth International Waste Management and Landfill Symposium will be held in S. Margherita di Pula, Cagliari, Italy, 6 to 10 October 2003.

Symposium Themes

- Waste Management
- Waste Treatment Prior to Landfilling
- Sanitary Landfilling
- Special Waste Landfilling
- · Aftercare and Reuse
- Remediation of Old Landfills
- Waste Management and Landfilling in Develop-

ing and Low Income Countries

Call for Abstracts

An extended abstract (at least one but no more than two full pages) should be sent by e-mail to the attention of Prof. Raffaello Cossu, Image Department, University of Padua, Via Loredan 20 -3513, Padua, Italy, no later than *15 November 2002* (e-mail: papers@sardiniasymposium.it).

Abstracts must show the full title of

the paper, the names and affiliations of all authors, e-mail address and full mailing address of the Leading Author, the suggested session, and the requested destination (oral or poster). The abstracts must clearly describe the content of the presen-



tation and its basis, which can be classified as one of the following:

- detailed case study,
- · discussion of practical experience,
- · preliminary research data,
- completed research not previously presented at a Sardinia conference
- · literature review,
- administrative initiatives, and
- · regulations.

Each Leading Author may submit no more than three abstracts; the sender will be considered the corresponding person with the Organisation.

Paper Acceptance

Acceptance of papers will be communi-

cated to the Leading Author by the end of *December 2002*. If notification has not been received by early January 2003, authors should check with the Organizers in case mail disruptions have occurred. Full papers (maximum of eight pages in length) should be addressed to the Organizers and received no later than *30 March 2003*. The papers will be evaluated by the Executive Programme Committee

All papers accepted for presentation at the Symposium will be published in Proceedings available at start of the Symposium.

Official Language

The official language of the Symposium will be English. All papers must

be written and presented in English. Authors will be expected to attend the Symposium and present their papers themselves.

More Information

Visit the Symposium website: http://www.sardiniasymposium.it

The Organising Secretariat

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Fast Slope Movements - Prediction and Prevention for Risk Mitigation Conference (IC-FSM2003), 11 to 13 May 2003

Occurrence and Mechanisms of Flows in Natural Slopes and Earthfills Workshop (IW-Flows2003), 14 to 16 May 2003

The Conference (Bulletin 2)

The Conference will focus on contributing to risk assessment and mitigation knowledge for land areas subjected to fast slope movements, e.g., flow-type landslides. Well-known experts will be invited to submit papers.

The Workshop (Bulletin 2)

The Workshop is aimed at clarifying the possible mechanisms, mechanics, and kinematics of flows, and at finding the common factors that determine such movements in such different materials. Well-known researchers, having different backgrounds and coming from different experiences, will contribute their knowledge. Extended discussions will be a distinctive feature of the workshop. To promote discussion on the contents of invited papers, the papers will be available on the Conference website before the Workshop.

Conference Call for Papers

The abstract should be a maximum of 300 words, in English, and clearly state the purpose, results, and conclusions of the paper. Title, authors' names, mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail are required. Abstracts should be sent to the Scientific Secretary to the address below or by e-mail no later than 30 June 2002. Full papers will be peer-reviewed prior to final acceptance. Accepted papers will be selected for oral presentation or poster session.

Deadlines

Abstract Submission: 30 June 2002 Preliminary Acceptance: 31 July 2002 Paper Submission: 31 October 2002 Notification of Acceptance: 15 December 2002

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Final Submission: 31 January 2003

Official Languages

The official languages of both the Conference and Workshop will be English

and Italian. A simultaneous translation will be provided. Abstracts and papers will be written in English.

Conference Scientific Secretary

Conference Scientific Secretary (email: fsm2003@unisa.it): Dr. Giuseppe Sorbino Dipartimento di Ingegneria Civile via Ponte Don Melillo 84084, Fisciano, Italy, Tel: 39/089 964329, Fax: 39/089 964045.

Workshop Scientific Secretary

Workshop Scientific Secretary (e-mail: flows2003@unina2.it): Dr. Lucio Olivares Dipartimento di Ingegneria Civile via Roma 29 81031, Aversa, Italy, Tel: 39/081 5010214, Fax: 39/081 5037370, e-mail: lucio.olivares@unina2.it

Further/General Information

Additional information about the Conference and Workshop will be available on the Internet: http://www.unina2.it/fsm2003 and http://www.unina2.it/flows2000, respectively.

International Symposium on Earth Reinforcement IS Kyushu 2001, November 2001, Fukuoka, Japan

he International Symposium on Earth Reinforcement, IS
Kyushu, held in Fukuoka,
Japan, 14 to 16 November 2001 was a resounding success. The Symposium was held under the joint auspices of the Japanese Geotechnical Society (JGS) and the Technical Committee for Geosynthetics and Earth Reinforcement of ISSMGE (TC-9). The Symposium could not have been successfully held without the strong support of the IGS and the Japan Society of Civil Engineers (JSCE).

An IGS Council meeting was also held in Fukuoka during the Symposium. The IS Kyushu Conference series on "Earth Reinforcement" has been held in Fukuoka every four years since 1988. The first Symposium was titled "Theory and Practice of Earth Reinforcement" (1988), the second "Earth Reinforcement Practice" (1992), and the third "Earth Reinforcement" (1996). The Symposia have provided successful contributions toward the development of earth reinforcement practices.

The fourth Symposium, entitled "Landmarks in Earth Reinforcement", continued the success of the *IS Kyushu Symposiums* and was also aimed at being one of the landmarks in the progress of modern earth reinforcement practice. With this objective, one special lecture and five keynote lectures were delivered by distinguished schol-



Opening address by Prof. H.Ochiai, Chair of IS Kyushu 2001.

ars, in addition to accepted paper presentations in four technical sessions.

The special session on "Soil Nailing" and the summary discussion session on "Design Procedure" were also organized to summarize the results of theoretical and practical aspects developed in these areas in recent years.

More than 420 participants attended the Symposium, including approximately 100 overseas participants from 32 countries. The first volume of the Proceedings contains the 137 papers that were selected for the four technical sessions. The papers are arranged under five different categories, which cover almost all aspects in the area of earth reinforcement.

The second volume contains the



Main hall prior to the opening ceremony.

special and keynote lectures, reports of the special session on "Soil Nailing", a summary of the discussion session on "Design Procedure", and Chair reports of technical and discussion sessions. The report of TC-9/ISSMGE activities during the period of 1997 to 2001 are also included in Volume 2.

> reported by Noriyuki Yasufuku IGS Member



Opening ceremony at the *IS Kyushu 2001* Farewell Party; a Japanese tradition called "Kagami-Wari", which celebrated the successful Symposium (from left to right): Prof. H. Ochiai, Prof. R. Floss, Jean-Pierre Gourc, Richard J. Bathurst, and Prof. F. Tatsuoka.

IS Nuremberg 2002 A Success International Symposium on Clay Geosynthetic Barriers

15 to 18 April 2002, Nuremberg, Germany

he International Symposium on Clay Geosynthetic Barriers was held 15 to 18 April 2002 in Nuremberg, Germany.

The Symposium was jointly organised by LGA (Nuremberg, Germany) and the Geosynthetic Institute (GSI) (Folsom, Pennsylvania, USA) under the auspices of the German IGS Chapter and the German Society of Geotechnical Engineering (DGGT).

Twenty-six oral presentations and 16 posters on all topics concerning clay geosynthetic barriers were presented at the following six sessions:

- Applications/Case Histories: Chair, Prof. Rudolf Floss (Germany)
- *Durability/Lifetime*: Chair, Daniele Cazzuffi (Italy)
- Laboratory Testing: Chair, Ian Peggs (USA)
- Performance and Desiccation: Chair, Prof. Kerry Rowe (Canada)
- Regulations: Chair, Prof. Abdelmalek Bouazza (Australia)
- Summary and Closure: Chair, Hans Rathmayer (Finland)

On Monday evening, 15 April, the Welcome to Bavaria was opened by Dr.



Aurach Landfill (Germany): in the horizontal shaft.



Symposium Session Chairs, Organisers, and IGS Council Members (left to right): Robert Koerner (USA), Helmut Zanzinger (Germany), Erwin Gartung (Germany), Richard J. Bathurst (Canada), Abdelmalek Bouazza (Australia), Daniele Cazzuffi (Italy), R. Kerry Rowe (Canada), Ian Peggs (USA), Hans Rathmayer (Finland), and Rudolph Floss (Germany).

Erwin Gartung (Organising Committee) and by Franz Defregger, Executive of the Bavarian State Ministry for State Development and Environmental Affairs.

On Tuesday, 16 April, the technical program was opened by Helmut Zanzinger and Prof. Robert Koerner (both on the Organising Committee), Prof. Rudolf Floss (Chair, German IGS Chapter), and Prof. Richard Bathurst (IGS President).

All contributions, lectures as well as posters, were of high scientific and technical quality. Poster Sessions received a very positive response from the participants. The venue was in a historical building in the heart of the medieval city of Nuremberg. Centuries ago the lecture hall used to be the church of the ancient Hospital of the Holy Spirit founded in 1339. For more than 350 years, the coronation treasures of the Holy Roman Empire had been retained safely in this building.

The Symposium participants enjoyed a remarkable event. The atmosphere, the organisation of the event, the interesting discussions during the breaks, and the social events in the evenings as well as the exhibition were accepted with appreciation.

The edited Symposium Proceedings have been published into a hard cover book by Balkema (399 pages). The Proceedings include a CD-ROM with all papers and convenient searching capabilities. The Symposium was held entirely in English. There were approximately 100 participants from 18 different countries including: Japan, India, Australia, South Africa, Brazil, USA,



Symposium Organising Committee (left to right): Erwin Gartung (Germany), Helmut Zanzinger (Germany), and Robert Koerner (USA).



Canada, and several European countries.

On Thursday, 18 April, a technical excursion to a municipal waste landfill

near Ansbach took place. The management of a typical German landfill was explained. At the site, measurements of flows, temperature, and soil moisture content are executed by means of two large lysimeters (520 m²) each for

research into the performance of landfill cover systems. Leachate is collected at the base and subsequently re-infiltrated into the waste body for the optimisation of landfill gas production and to accelerate stabilisation of the waste. These technical features were of particular interest to visitors from abroad.

A sightseeing tour of the romantic medieval town Rothenburg above the Tauber concluded the Symposium.

The Symposium is the last event to be organised by the LGA Geosynthetic Institute, since LGA decided to terminate their very successful work in the field of geosynthetics. The Conference Proceedings (volume with CD-Rom, \$129) can be ordered from:

Swets & Zeitlinger Publishers P.O. Box 1675 NL-3000 BR Rotterdam

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> reported by Helmut Zanzinger, IGS Member and Symposium Organising Committee Member

A Report on the International Workshop on Lightweight Geo-Materials

he first International Workshop on Lightweight Geo-Materials (IW-LGM2002) was held on 26 to 27 March 2002 in Tokyo, Japan under the auspices of the Japanese Geotechnical Society (Chaired by Professor K. Yasuhara, Ibaraki University, Japan). Approximately, 120 individuals from 20 countries participated.

New weight-reduction techniques for decreasing applied loads on soft ground or earth pressures on retaining walls using geo-materials have recently been developed by various organizations. However, standardisation of present design and construction methods is required. In addition, further development and understanding of mechanical properties, the development of constitutive modeling, and expanding areas of application is required.

The following topics were covered:

- · mechanical properties of LGM;
- new constitutive models for analytical and numerical analysis of LGMs;
- information exchange to establish common design and construction methods;
- new concepts and applications of LGM together and new ideas for minimizing environmental impacts;
- quality control and durability issues.
 Three keynote lectures were given:
- Professor T. Edil (Wisconsin University, USA)
- Dr. H. Miki (Public Works Research Institute, Japan), and
- Prof. D. Negussey (Syracuse University, USA).

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