The Organising Committee has the pleasure to invite you to Bratislava, the capital city of the Slovak Republic, to which the Danube-European Conference came back after 33 years.

We believe that the main conference theme "From Research to Design in European Practice" will be of interest to you.

Prof. Peter Turcek
Chairman of the Organising Committee

The Conference’s primary intention is:
To share the latest experience in the field of research and practice, leading up to new methods of geotechnical design.

Topics
1. New theoretical approach in soil mechanics.
2. Quality of soil and rock properties via laboratory and field tests.
3. Design methods for geotechnical structures.
4. Numerical and physical models in geotechnical design.
5. Monitoring and supervision of geotechnical constructions.
6. Interactive design (observation method) in geotechnical practice.
7. Specific problems for environmental consideration.

A special session will be arranged for each topic and Organising Committee will collaborate with the Conference Advisory and Scientific Committees to select key persons (main lecturers, panel members, etc.) for each session. At the end of each session, a discussion from the floor will follow.

Submitting of abstracts
Members of the European National Societies and prospective authors are kindly asked to submit their abstracts on-line via the conference’s website.

Preliminary time schedule of the event
Deadline for abstracts until September 30, 2009
Acceptance of abstracts until October 30, 2009
Submitting of full papers until February 15, 2010
Final Programme delivery until March 22, 2010
The conference meeting from June 2 – 4, 2010

Web site
www.decge2010.sk

Official language
The official language of the conference will be English.

Technical exhibition
A comprehensive technical exhibition for geotechnical methods, materials, equipments and literature will take place in conjunction with the conference. The Conference Agency will prepare and distribute more details which will be available in a short time at www.decge2010.sk.

Sponsors
Sponsors are welcome/invited to support this conference. Information and sponsor opportunities will be published on the conference website.

The Conference venue
The Conference will be held in the Conference Centre of the Slovak University of Technology which is situated in the centre of Bratislava, from Wednesday – June 2 to Friday – June 4, 2010.

Bratislava
The capital city of Slovak Republic. The Old Town is located along the Danube river close to the boundary with Austria, Hungary and Czech Republic.
Population: 550 000 inhabitants, official language: Slovak.
Bratislava offers much to its visitors. For more details, please look at the following pages:
http://visit.bratislava.sk/en/
http://www.slovakia.travel/
A social programme and accompanying persons programme

A very attractive social programme is planned to enrich your stay in Bratislava including the activities for accompanying persons. The detailed information will be published soon at the conference website.

Conference fee

The conference fee will be agreed on the basis of included services.

Technical excursion

An afternoon technical excursion is planned for the last conference day (depends on the sufficient number of participants).

Special note for young geotechnical engineers

The Next European Young Geotechnical Conference will be held in Brno (Czech Republic) just before the conference in Bratislava. Because Brno is very close to Bratislava (ca 150 km) with a very good transport connection between these two cities, participants of EYGC are invited to join also the main conference in Bratislava.

Accommodation

A wide range of hotels of varying category and comfort are available in Bratislava. Discount room rates will be provided for conference delegates via, the Conference Agency – GUARANT International.

How to get to Bratislava

By plane

Two international airports are situated in the vicinity of Bratislava:
- The International Airport of Milan Rastislav Stefanik directly in Bratislava.
- The Schwechat International Airport in Vienna – this airport is 40 km far from Bratislava, a frequent bus connection is available (each 45 min.). This makes a unique opportunity, especially for the overseas participants to spend the weekend after the conference in Vienna enjoying the atmosphere of two of the three most important cities of the former Austrian-Hungarian Empire.

By train

There is a direct connection with many European capitals, such as Prague, Berlin, Vienna, Budapest and Bucharest.

By car

Bratislava is linked to the international routes and highways: E65 highway to the Czech Republic, D-2 highway to Hungary and the E75 and E58 international routes to Austria.

Time zone

Central European time (GMT +1 hour), daylight savings beginning on the last Sunday in March and ending on the last Sunday in October – GMT+2.

Weather conditions

The Slovak Republic is located in a moderate zone with characteristic changes of seasons. The average daily temperature is -2°C in winter and 21°C in summer. The coldest month is January; the warmest are July and August. During the May and June you can expect the temperature about 20°C.

Committees

Conference Advisory Committee (CAC)
Roger Frank – Vice President of ISSMGE for Europe
Pedro Seco e Pinto – President of ISSMGE
Neil Taylor – Secretary General of ISSMGE
Ivan Vanicek – Chairman of Czech and Slovak Committee of ISSMGE
Peter Turcek – Chairman of OC
Ana Gaberc – Chairperson of 13th Danube European Conference
Jana Frankovska – Secretary of OC

Scientific Committee

Chairmen of the National Groups from the Danube river region + invited experts

Organising committee (OC)
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Final Note

Dear professional colleagues,

The organizing Committee believes that most of you will join our conference and we will have a chance to spend very profitable days in Bratislava.

See you in Bratislava 2010!