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Professor Jean-Louis Briaud gives keynote lecture at the 2010 Piling and Deep Foundations Conference in Dubai, UAE.



Professor Briaud is President of ISSMGE, the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering and Buchanan Chair Professor at Texas A&M University. He recently to Dubai, United Arab Emirates (31 Jan– 3 Feb, 2010), and delivered a keynote lecture on “Downdrag on Uncoated and Bitumen Coated Piles” at the Deep Foundation Institute (DFI) Conference. The presentation is available by contacting him at briaud@tamu.edu and more material is available on this topic from his web site under “Research”. He also visited the beautiful Burj Khalifa, the highest tower in the world at 828 m height and listened to plans to build the Nakheel Tower which would be 1000 m high. More importantly he discussed the start of a UAE National Society of ISSMGE, and visited with geotechnical engineers in the region including Mamdouh Nasr, Alaa Ashmawy, Karim Khalaf, Marwan Al Zaylaie, and many others. Dubai is an amazing city with gigantic buildings all more impressive than the next and the geotechnical engineering projects are most fascinating.