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## Gramado, Brazil

Professor Jean-Louis 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 travelled to Gramado, Brazil (19– 22 Aug, 2010) to visit with geotechnical engineers, participate in the Regional Councils meeting of the South American and North American Countries, and deliver a lecture on “Predicting Bridge Scour Depth” at the Brazilian Conference on Soil Mechanics & Geotechnical Engineering. During the conference he attended the Victor DeMello Lecture, a very nice event in the memory of Victor DeMello former President of ISSMGE; the lecture was given by Harry Poulos who is Chair of the ISSMGE Membership Committee. He also met with many dignitaries including Jarbas Milititski, President of the Brazilian Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering, Roberto Terzariol, Vice President of ISSMGE for South America, Gabriel Auvinet, Vice President of ISSMGE for North America, John Burland, Professor at Imperial College, and Luiz DeMello, Vice Chair of the ISSMGE Membership Committee. On the lighter side he played tennis with the chair of the conference, Fernando Schnaid who is a formidable tennis player.



Professor Jean-Louis Briaud  
ISSMGE President

(Below from right to left) Jarbas Milititski, Harry Poulos, Jean-Louis Briaud, Jean-Louis Briaud with 2 other people



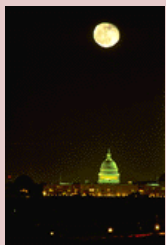
(Below) Jean-Louis Briaud with on his left Roberto Terzariol, Vice President for South America, on his left Gabriel Auvinet, Vice President of North America and the Presidents of the ISSMGE National Societies of South America





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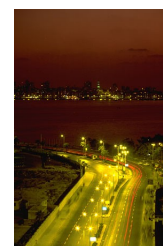
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Primary Business Address

Your Address Line 2

Your Address Line 3

Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555

Fax: 555-555-5555

E-mail: someone@example.com

**Your business tag line here.**



This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.

We're on the Web!  
example.com

## Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your

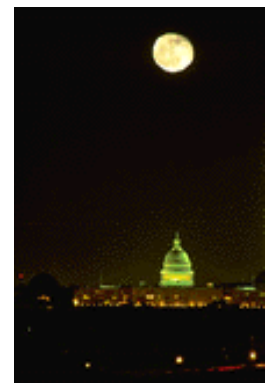
newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual charity auction.

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good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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