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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 Santiago, Chile (8-10 Jan, 2011) to visit with geotechnical engineers and participate in the 5th International Conference on Earthquake Geotechnical Engineering. He delivered some opening remarks on the state of ISSMGE and interacted with many participants. The conference was organized by Professor Ramon Verdugo, President of the Chilean Geotechnical Society (SCG), with the help of many others. At the conference he also met with Professors Ishihara, Seed, Idriss, and many others. He also attended the meeting of the Technical Committee on Earthquake Geotechnical Engineering lead by Professor Kyriazis Pitilakis of Greece. Professor Briaud met with a group of young geotechnical engineers including Javier Ubilla, Carolina Palma, Pascal Rouse, and Claudia Medina who shared with him their excitement and worries about the future of geotechnical engineering. On the lighter side, Dr. Briaud was acquainted with the Chilean version of the Pisco sour.



Professor Jean-Louis Briaud
ISSMGE President



Right: Dr. Briaud with
young ISSMGE members,
from left : Javier Ubilla,
Carolina Palma, Pascal
Rouse, Claudia Medina



Right: From left to
right; Roberto Terzariol, Ramon
Verdugo, Kyriazis Pitilakis, Ricardo
Dobry, Jean-Louis Briaud, Kenji Ishihara, Ed Idriss,
Pedro Pinto.