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## Rotterdam, Netherlands

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 Rotterdam, Netherlands (4-6 Sept 2011) to visit with students and young geotechnical engineers and participate in the European Young Geotechnical Engineers Conference. He presented the main lecture at the event on the topic of "Unsaturated soil behavior for practicing engineers". The event was organized by many Korff with the help of many others. At the event he also met with Ivan Vanicek, Vice-President for Europe, Franz Barends, from TU Delft and Deltares, William van Niekerk, President of the Netherlands Member Society. The conference was attended by some 50 young geotechnical engineers. Dr. Briaud was impressed by the general quality of the presentations by these young engineers.

Left: Mandy Korff and Jean-Louis Briaud exchange gifts



Below: Mr. Vanikurk speaks to young engineers at Sunday night reception



Below: Franz Barends visits with a young engineer



Right: Dr. Mandy Korff – Chair of the Organizational Committee



Below: Participants of the EYEGC



Professor Jean-Louis Briaud  
ISSMGE President

Below: Prof. Ivan Vanicek

