



ISSMGE TC 211 GROUND IMPROVEMENT NEWSLETTER n°7, January 2014

Dear reader,

The recent **18th ICSMGE** conference of Paris in September 2013 has evidently been a large success. It has been attended by over 2100 participants. Our TC 211 Ground Improvement has been very active in this conference.

In this 7th Newsletter an overview of our activities in Paris is given. Please note that some valuable new information is available on our new website www.tc211.be.

Before starting to read, we want to wish you of course all the best for the newly started year 2014!

1. Short course 4 on compensation grouting and jet grouting

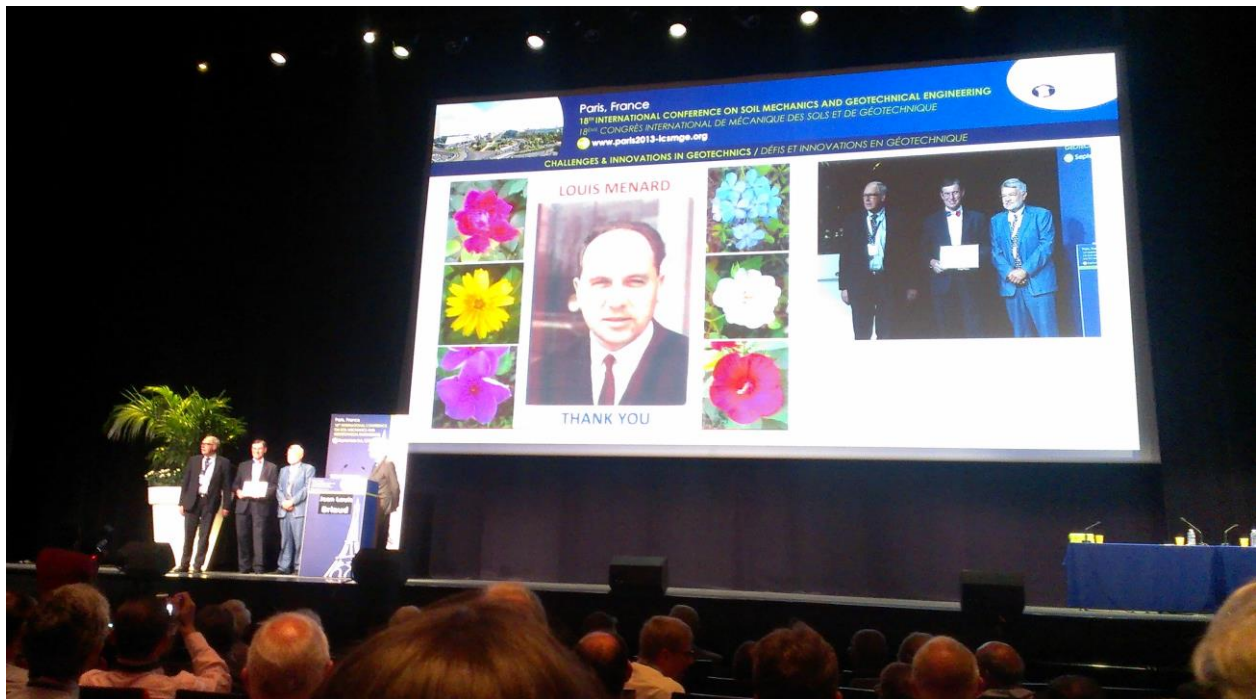
The short course 4 - SC 4 on “compensation grouting & jet grouting” has been held on 1st of September 2013 in Paris and was organised by our Chairman Jan Maertens and Robert Essler. The courses were held by experts from UK, Belgium, France, Japan, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Singapore and USA and attended by over 40 participants.

A printed version of the proceeding is available and can be downloaded on the new internet site of the TC: www.tc211.be.



2. Activities during the 18th ICSMGE

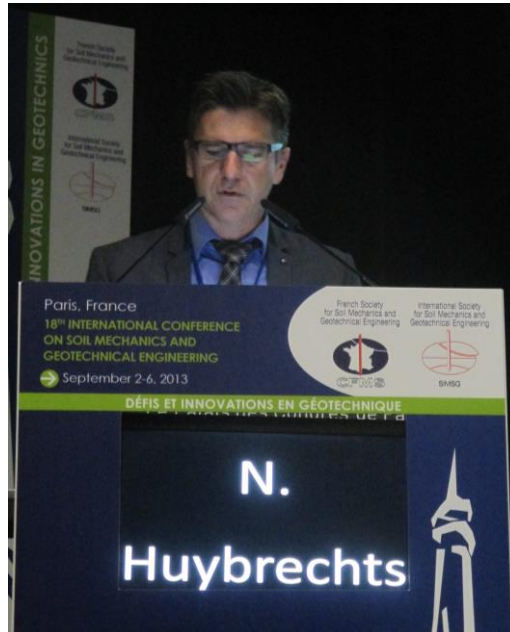
The named lecture “Louis Menard” was held by our Past President, Jean Louis Briaud, honouring our TC. A commemoration plaque was handed over to him by our Chairmen, Serge Varaksin and Jan Maertens.





The discussion session on ground improvement was well attended in the largest auditorium.

Noel Huybrechts issued his general report.



and the six speakers made it a lively session under the presidency of Serge Varaksin,



the secretary Philippe Liausu

and



the approval of Jan Maertens



The TC workshop was well attended too.

The purpose was to present the three short courses of the Brussels IS-GI 2012 in a written document prepared by young engineers, gratified for their work with a participation to the conference. The written report has been edited by N. Denies and N. Huybrechts as Volume V of the IS-GI-2012 proceedings and is now available on the TC website: www.tc211.be.



3. The Future of the TC version 2014-2017

Jan Maertens, recently retired from his teaching at the University of KU Leuven, had announced his decision to resign from Co-Chairman of the TC.

His work, ideas and involvement have been a major asset to the TC and we would welcome a few words of thanks from our members.

He has however committed to continue to support the TC.

Further to the statutes of the TC it is proposed to have the team lead by France and Belgium working under the Chair of Serge Varaksin and Noel Huybrechts, with as Secretary Nicolas Denies. The comments of the members would be welcome and as soon as the TC has received your note, the terms of reference for the next 4 years term will be prepared.



4. Coming activities related to TC 211 Ground Improvement

DFI & EFFC organize the International Conference on Piling & Deep Foundations, Stockholm, 21-23 May 2014. Noël Huybrechts, will co-chair the session on Deep Mixing. More information and registration via www.dfi-effc2014.org.

At the occasion of the XVI European Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering which will be held in September 2015 in Edinburgh (<http://xvi-ecsmge-2015.org.uk/>), the TC211 will organize a workshop dedicated to the ground improvement works. Concerning this event, further details will follow.

We have also been informed that the possibility to submit an abstract for the XVI European Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering closes definitely on **31 January 2014**. Abstracts need to be submitted via the conference website: <http://xvi-ecsmge-2015.org.uk/>.