

## 4<sup>th</sup> IGS-Ferroco Terzaghi Oration

### Report

The prestigious biannual event of IGS New Delhi -- **IGS-Ferroco Terzaghi Oration** – 4<sup>th</sup> in the series was delivered on 11.10.2014 by the eminent Professor A. Sridharan on the topic **Soil Clay Mineralogy and Physico-chemical Mechanisms Governing the Fine-Grained Soil Behaviour** at Guru Nanak Dev Engineering College, Ludhiana under the aegis of Indian Geotechnical Society, Ludhiana Chapter. More than 196 delegates attended the oration, which included academicians and researchers across the country, Engineers from the field and most of the National Executive members of Indian Geotechnical Society. After the oration Prof. G.N.Gandhi, President, Indian Geotechnical Society, handed over the Awards and Memento on behalf of IGS and vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. J.N.Jha, Chairman, IGS Ludhiana Chapter. The earlier three IGS-Ferroco Terzaghi Orations were delivered by Professor Harry G Poulos (2008) at Indore, Professor M R Madhav (2010) at Bangalore and by Professor Kerry Rowe (2012) at Delhi.

Professor A Sridharan had a distinguished career at the Indian Institute of Science for more than four decades, contributing significantly in all the areas of activity *viz.*, research, teaching, consultancy and administration. Presently, he is INSA Honorary Scientist. Professor Sridharan is one of the most distinguished Civil Engineers of the country specializing in the field of Geotechnical Engineering. He is a Fellow of the top three academies *viz.*: Indian National Academy of Sciences, Indian National Science Academy and Indian national Academy of Engineering. He is also Honorary Fellow of the Indian Geotechnical Society for which he was also the President (1996-1998). He was also a Humboldt Fellow during 1975 – 77 at University of Karlsruhe, Germany.