

Report

6th International Geotechnical Symposium on “Disaster Mitigation in Special Geo-environmental Conditions” was held at IIT Madras, Chennai from January 21-23, 2015 with the support of Asian Technical Committee on Geo-technology for Natural Hazards (ATC-3) of ISSMGE. In total there were four plenary session, three special session, eight parallel technical sessions and two poster session. In total ten keynote lectures and six theme lectures were delivered during the plenary/ special/technical session. Out of sixteen keynote/theme lectures, twelve resource persons were international speakers. During the eight parallel sessions 100 papers were presented.

I presented the paper “Shear strength characteristics of rice husk ash reinforced with waste geogrid fiber” in technical session VI on 22.01.15. This session was chaired by Prof. G.L.Sivakumar Babu, IISc, Bangalore and Co-chair by Dr. Anil Joseph, GeoStructurals (P) Ltd, Kochi. I also co-chaired the technical session VII on 22.01.2015 along with Prof. V.K.Stalin from Anna University, Chennai. Hardcopy proceeding (Two Volumes) were also given to registered delegate. In total 250 delegated registered for the conference, out of which 45 foreign delegates were from 10 different countries. Cultural programme and welcome dinner was organized on 21.01.2015 whereas Banquet dinner was given on 22.01.2015 by the organisor.