

Report on attending my first major Conference

The Title of the conference

The Sixth World Congress in Computational Mechanics

Place and Dates

Beijing, China, September 5 - 10, 2004

The Scope of the Conference

- Computational Mathematics
- Computational Bio-sciences
- Computational Material Sciences
- Computational Nanotechnology
- High performance Computing in Mechanics and Applied Mathematics.

Why was it useful for me?

This conference was in extreme help to me in my research. As my PhD project is on Numerical modelling of Unsaturated soil behaviour which lies under the field of Computational Mechanics in Geotechnical Engineering. Actually I have been benefited a lot from attending that conference, as there were a great number of presentations related to my subject and my research. Attending these presentations has given me a clear view of what is the progress in research that happened in other parts of the world with different research groups from different Countries. Meeting with other groups around the world has allowed me to exchange ideas which have helped me a lot in solving a lot of problems related to my model of unsaturated soils. Meeting with professionals in the field and professors has expanded my international network relationships.

How did my presentation go?

My presentation has been very well. It was very well attended by professionals in the field of modelling of unsaturated soils. There have been a lot of discussions going on about my presented subject. There was a lot of subjects presented in the conference related to my subject. The main discussions were round the difference

between the model I use in the numerical analysis and the model proposed by other researchers.

Increasing my Contacts.

Meeting with leaders in the field has Increased a number of my international contacts rapidly. I have made with research groups in Italy, Poland and Japan.

I kept in touch with some professors and other PhD students in other countries even after I came back. I actually Exchange ideas by e-mails with them on my research.

The quality of the conference.

One of the most important points that I have to mention, is that the conference was very well organized. The program of the conference was very well prepared ad distributed on all days of the conference. I was able to choose the rlavant presentations to my subject and attend them.