

2nd Announcement

9th South African Young
Geotechnical Engineers
Conference (SAYGEC)

13, 14 & 15 September 2017



#Geotech

Salt Rock Hotel, Salt Rock,
Dolphin Coast, Durban,
KwaZulu-Natal.

The 9th South African Young Geotechnical Engineers Conference “**#Geotech #Innovate**” is intended to establish a network forum and opportunity for young geotechnical engineers to better acquaint themselves with the industry and products available. This takes place in an environment where all presenters and most of the delegates are under the age of 35. The conference is held every three years and aims to provide delegates with the opportunity to develop their writing skills and produce a technical paper which will be published in the conference proceedings. In addition, presenters can exercise presentation skills in front of a more forgiving audience and delegates attending can all learn from like-minded peers.



#Innovate



Who Should Attend?

Geotechnical practitioners under the age of 35 in the mining and civil construction industry. More experienced geotechnical practitioners are encouraged to motivate YGEs to attend the conference and explain the advantages of presenting their work at the conference.

Conference Deadlines

Registrations open - January 2017

Acceptance of abstracts for paper submissions
- first week of March 2017

Submission of draft papers - 1 May 2017

Corrected papers back to authors - 31 May 2017

Print-ready papers in - 30 June 2017

Due to unforeseen health reasons, Malcolm Jaros had to withdraw as the godfather for the conference. The SAYGE committee wishes him a speedy recovery.

Conference Godfather – Gavin P. Byrne

KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Gavin has significant experience in the Structural, Geotechnical and Marine fields. Over the course of his professional career he was involved in the design of both deep and shallow foundations, marine structures, lateral support systems, slope stabilisation and soil improvement. Gavin is best known as being Keller Franki's recently retired technical director which now consults for the company as well as his contribution to the third and fourth editions of the the Franki Blue Book. These activities have incorporated the design and construction of several large projects involving all aspects of geotechnical engineering.

PUBLICATIONS

The settlement performance of a raft supporting a 27-storey hotel on estuarine deposits in Durban.
Journal of the South African Institute of Civil Engineers, October 1998.

The design, construction and behaviour of permanently cased piles at Sua Pan, Botswana
- 10th African Regional Conference, September 1991.

The performance of piled foundations supporting a large hotel on estuarine deposits in Durban
- 7th International Conference and Exhibition on Piling and Deep Foundations, Vienna 1998.

The design and construction of a dynamic soil replacement foundation in Mauritius
- 12th African Regional Conference, October 1999.

A Guide to Practical Geotechnical Engineering in Southern Africa: Third Edition, 1995
and Fourth Edition, 2008.

AWARDS

J.E. Jennings Award 1988 for Best Technical Publication of the Year 1997-1998.

Basil Read Award 1998 for Outstanding Contribution to the Construction Industry.

Geotechnical Gold Medal 2003 for outstanding contribution to the geotechnical industry.





Conference Committee

Frans van der Merwe (SMEC SA) - Chairman
Daniel Avutia (Enel Green Power)
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Louis du Plessis (ARQ Consulting Engineers)
Scott Gover (Golder Associate Africa)
Trevor Green (Verdi Consulting)

Programme Outline:

Tuesday, 12 September 2017

Arrive at venue
Dinner at hotel (booking required)

Wednesday, 13 September 2017 Breakfast
at venue
Full-day conference
Conference dinner

Thursday, 14 September 2017

Breakfast at venue
Full-day conference
Conference social function

Friday, 15 September 2017

Breakfast at venue
(no lunch)
Half-day conference
Departure in the afternoon

Registration:

Registrations are now open. Contact the conference secretariat for the registration form.
info@selahproductions.co.za

Sponsorship, Advertising and Exhibition Options:

There are various sponsorship, advertising and exhibition options for the YGE conference. For the list of options, please send an email to info@selahproductions.co.za.

Accommodation:

Should you wish to book accommodation at Salt Rock Hotel, kindly indicate on the registration form under accommodation. If you have any questions, please contact the conference secretariat.



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