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PREFACE

The University of Missouri-Rolla has hosted three very successful International Conferences on Case Histories in Geotechnical Engineering, the first in May 1984, the second in June 1988, and the third in June 1993, respectively. The Fourth Conference in the series was planned in 1996 and a Call for Papers was issued in Fall 1996. The conference has been partially funded and co-sponsored by the Army Office of Research, Minsung Construction Co, Korea and Kiso-Jiban Consultants Co., Japan. It has been organized in cooperation with the American Society of Civil Engineers, ASFE, ADSC, Earthquake Engineering Research Institute, Seismological Society of America, and several Technical Committees of the International Society of Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering.

In response to our Call for Papers, 265 abstracts were contributed from 34 countries including: Australia, Austria, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, China, Croatia, Denmark, Egypt, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Korea, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Taiwan, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States, Russia and Vietnam, making this conference a truly international one. The large number of abstracts received were reviewed by a panel of international experts. The full length papers were also reviewed.

The conference papers and state-of-the-art reports have been produced on a CD-Rom and was issued in January 1998 before the conference.

The Organizing Committee was always ready to assist in matters of organization. In the initial stages of planning, guidance was obtained from members of the Steering committee. The University of Missouri-Rolla staff has been very cooperative throughout, especially personnel of the Continuing Education unit. In addition, our secretaries worked hard to keep pace with the paperwork associated with such a venture. Their work is especially appreciated since everyone knows how difficult it would be to handle such a monumental work without the active cooperation of these people.

The timely production of the CD-Rom has been made possible through the efforts of Sue Turner, Buddy Poe, and Susan Potrofska of UMR and deserve special thanks. Without the painstaking efforts and assistance of these persons, the CD-Rom would not exist in its present form.

We look forward to a successful conference.

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