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CONCLUDING SESSION

Discussion by Y. Iwasaki

on
General Closing Session

Use of Different Unit Systems

I found the following statistics of the unit system used in papers in Volume I. The United States contributed 34 papers out of 52 in total.

Ft./Lb.	SI	Metric	Total
18	6	28	52

One half of the papers from the United States used feet and pound units. Since it is difficult today for common engineers outside the United States to change the unit into metric, it might be well understood that the usage of the foot/pound unit tends to discourage quick response of the technical discussions.

At least, the metric unit should be used simultaneously to help easier communication beyond the country's borders.

The concluding session was held on Friday, June 4, 1993. The participants were invited by the Conference Chairman, Shamsher Prakash to express their opinions on this conference as well as making resolutions for a possible Fourth International Conference on Case Histories in Geotechnical Engineering.

Shamsher Prakash presented the following recommendations of the Organizing Committee which had met on May 31, 1993.

1. The Fourth International Conference on Case Histories be planned after an interval of four to five years.
2. The cost of the proceedings and registration for the conference be reduced by some of the following measures:
 - a. Reduction of the number of papers.
 - b. Producing the proceedings in soft bound covers rather than hard bound covers.
 - c. Charge \$100 for each paper published in the proceedings as an advance registration fee. This \$100 charge would be applied to the registration fee.

The participants unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

Resolution No. 1. "The Third International Conference on Case Histories was extremely well planned and conducted and the proceedings were excellently produced. There is a need to repeat the Case Histories Conference in four to five years."

Resolution No. 2. "The themes of the future conference may be restrictive to make the conference more compact."

Resolution No. 3. "The conferences may continue to be sponsored by the University of Missouri-Rolla until a suitable sponsor becomes available outside the United States."