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ENVIRONMENTAL GEOTECHNICS COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL 26 NOVEMBER 2001, 5:00-6:15 pm

1. The conference call was called to order by Beth Gross (Chair). In attendance were: Akram Alshawabkeh (Northeastern University), John Bowders (University of Missouri), Susan Burns (University of Virginia), Jeff Dunn (GeoSyntec Consultants), Jeff Evans (Bucknell University), Gary Foose (University of Cincinnati), Pat Fox (University of California), Molly Gribb (Boise State University), Beth Gross (GeoSyntec Consultants), Krishna Reddy (University of Illinois-Chicago), Charles (Chuck) Shackelford (Colorado State University), and Nazli Yesiller (Wayne State University). The purpose of the conference call was to plan future activities: conventions, conferences, short courses, and other events.

2. Conventions.

- a. The geotechnical track for the 2002 ASCE National Convention (November, Washington, D.C.) is being organized by Greg Baecher, University of Maryland (gbaecher@eng.umd.edu). EGC input/assistance is likely not needed. (On Nov 27, Baecher emailed "the organizing committee will be discussing the status later this week, and I will be back to you then" about the need for EGC involvement.)
- b. The EGC will propose to organize the geotechnical track for the 2003 ASCE National Convention (October, Nashville). This track will be coordinated with the Geosynthetic Committee, local ASCE Geotechnical and Environmental technical chairs, and local faculty. Chuck Shackelford suggested Diana Carr (Vanderbilt) and Roger Meier (University of Memphis) as initial local faculty contacts. The EGC will propose a convention with a GE focus. Jeff Dunn and Jeff Evans discussed their experience organizing sessions with a GI focus. For each, the sessions were well attended, and a GSP was developed. The EGC will also propose a short course for the convention, as described below, to be presented the day before the convention.

EGC formed a subcommittee to organize the conference. The subcommittee members are: Akram Alshawabkeh, Susan Burns, Jeff Dunn, Jeff Evans, Beth Gross, Krishna Reddy, and Nazli Yesiller.

3. Conference Sessions.

- a. The EGC has offered to sponsor sessions at the Soil and Rock America 2003: 12th Panamerican Conference / 39th US Rock Mechanics Symposium (SARA 2003) in June 2003. Potential sessions for this conference were not discussed. Akram Alshawabkeh will contact Andrew Whittle to follow up on the EGC's offer.
- b. The EGC will propose sessions (e.g., emerging drilling technologies for brownfields characterization) and possible a workshop/short course at Geo-Applications of Drilling Technologies (Feb 2004, Orlando). Beth Gross to follow up on conference status.
- c. The EGC will propose sessions and possibly a workshop/short course (e.g., containment systems for in-situ remediation, bioreactor landfills, use of waste and recycled materials in waste

containment systems) with a GSP at GeoFrontiers (2005, Austin). Beth Gross to follow up on conference status.

- d. The EGC will propose sessions (or maybe co-sponsor the conference) with a GSP and possibly a workshop/short course (e.g., design, modeling, and monitoring of alternate cover systems) at UNSAT 2006 (Las Vegas) if it comes to pass. The GI will know in March 2002 if the GI conference will be part of the international conference with ISSMGE TC6. Beth Gross to follow up with Sandy Houston.

4. Conferences.

The EGC will propose Geoenvironment 2010, co-sponsored with the Geosynthetics Committee, EWRI, IFAI, and/or NAGS (Contact: Karen Henry), for 2007.

5. Short Courses.

Jeff Evans and Susan Burns will propose and co-organize the short course *Containment Systems for In-situ Remediation* the 2003 ASCE National Convention (October, Nashville).

Jeff Evans and Chuck Shackelford discussed their short course experience (e.g., structure, length, costs, success)

6. Other

The EGC will not participate as a committee for CE World (ASCE's first Virtual World Congress for Civil Engineering).

7. The conference call was adjourned. The next meeting will be held at Deep Foundations, Feb 14, 2002 in Orlando, Florida.

Submitted by Beth A. Gross, Chair of GEC
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