

CURSOS PRECONGRESO PRECONFERENCE COURSES



Ramón Verdugo

Licuefacción estática en el contexto del estado crítico y su aplicación en la estabilidad de presas de jales

The phenomenon of static liquefaction within the critical state framework: its role in tailings dam stability.

Ingeniero Civil de la Universidad Católica de Chile (1983), Master y Ph.D. de la Universidad de Tokio, Japón (1989 y 1992, respectivamente). Estadia de post doctorado en el Instituto Geotécnico Noruego (1996). Ha sido Director, Secretario y Presidente de la Sociedad Chilena de Geotecnia, Sochige. Después del mega-evento sísmico de magnitud, $M_w = 8.8$, que afectó Chile en febrero de 2010, lideró el equipo de profesionales que modificó la clasificación sísmica de sitio de la normativa chilena. En la actualidad es el presidente del Comité Técnico de la Sociedad Internacional de Mecánica de Suelos e Ingeniería de Fundaciones, TC221, sobre relaves y desechos mineros (Tailings and Mine Waste). Es socio fundador de la empresa consultora de ingeniería geotécnica CMGI Ltda. (Caracterización y Modelamiento Geotécnico Ingenieros), la que aborda problemas geotécnicos complejos, especialmente asociados con la estabilidad sísmica de obras de suelos, tanto en proyectos civiles, como industriales y mineros. En estos últimos se llevan a cabo la caracterización geotécnica y los análisis numéricos de estabilidad sísmica de depósitos de jales.

Civil Engineer from Catholic University of Chile (1983), Master and Ph.D. from the University of Tokyo, Japan (1989 and 1992, respectively). Postdoctoral fellowship at the Norwegian Geotechnical Institute (1996). He has served as Director, Secretary, and President of the Chilean Geotechnical Society (Sochige). Following the mega-seismic event of magnitude $M_w = 8.8$ that hit Chile in February 2010, he led the team of professionals that modified the seismic site classification in Chilean regulations. He is currently the Chair of the Technical Committee of the International Society of Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering, TC221, on Tailings and Mine Waste. He is a founding partner of the Chilean geotechnical engineering consulting firm CMGI Ltda. (Characterization and Geotechnical Modeling Engineers), which addresses complex geotechnical problems, especially those associated with the seismic stability of soil structures, in civil, industrial, and mining projects. Within the mining industry, CMGI has performed numerous geotechnical analyses, including characterizations and numerical modeling, to assess the seismic stability of tailings storage facilities.



Dr. David Solans

Incorporación de investigación de campo y monitoreo en el modelamiento numérico de presas de jales mediante elementos finitos.

Incorporating site-specific ground investigation and monitoring in FE modelling of tailings dams.

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