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The University of Missouri-Rolla, had hosted very successful First, Second, Third, and Fourth International Conferences on Case Histories in Geotechnical Engineering in 1984, 1988, 1993 and 1998 respectively. The Fifth Conference in the series was planned in 2001 and a Call for Papers was issued in January 2002.

In response to our Call for Papers, authors from 58 countries responded including Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Egypt Estonia, Europe, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Lebanon, Luxemburg, Macedonia, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, Nigeria, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Qatar, Romania, Russia, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, United States, Uzbekistan, and Venezuela, making this Conference a truly international one. The large number of abstracts received was reviewed by a panel of international experts.

The Conference activities, State of the-Art and Practice Papers and other Invited Papers are included on this CD-ROM I that contains 323 papers. CD-ROM II containing all General Reports will be issued in April 2004 along with a copy of the printed "Extended Abstract Volume."

We are fortunate that Professor Ralph B. Peck, my professor and mentor at UIUC, where I was a student 1959 -1962, has joined and delivered Special/Keynote Lectures at all five Case Histories Conferences. A special program, during the banquet, is planned.

The Organizing Committee was always ready to assist me in matters of organization. In the initial stages of planning, guidance was obtained from W.D. Liam Finn, as usual. The University of Missouri-Rolla staff has been very cooperative throughout, especially personnel of Distance and Continuing Education. In addition, our secretaries, particularly Wanda Furniss, worked hard to keep pace with the paperwork associated with such a venture. Professor William Schonberg, our department chairman, has fully supported this event.

We moved this conference from St. Louis, MO to New York, NY primarily on the initiative of two New York friends Sissy Nikolaou and George Mylonakis, who also contributed special papers to this conference. Sissy also provided all the information technical and/or otherwise to develop this conference successfully and deserves a special thanks.

The timely production of the CD Rom has been made possible through the efforts of Sue Turner, Manager of University of Missouri's, Distance and Continuing Education unit. The Conference has been partially funded by the Army Research Office, and University of Missouri – Rolla, Center for Infrastructure Engineering Studies and has been co-sponsored by 19 National and International Organizations.

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