

Event Report

2nd IPA International Workshop and General Assembly

Event Report Part 1

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- Date:** 11-12 December 2008
Place: New Orleans, Louisiana, USA
Venue: Hilton New Orleans Riverside
Organizer: IPA Committees and Secretariat
Attendees: 46 from 7 countries
Programme:
- Extraordinary General Assembly
 - Special & Press-in Presentation
 - [Research Presentation](#) by the 1st Grant Award Winners
 - [Award Ceremony & Presentation](#) of 2nd Grant Award
 - [Press-in Construction Site Tour](#)
 - [Reception and Official Banquet](#)



Room "Compass"



Hilton New Orleans Riverside

On 11 and 12 December, 2nd IPA International Workshop took place in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. Total 46 attendees from 7 countries discussed together logically, deepened exchanges friendly and enjoyed the unique programme profoundly including Extraordinary General Assembly, the Board of Directors, ceremony and presentation of the Research Grant Awards, special presentations and tour to a press-in construction site.

Following an increase of members to 460 since 2007, new approaches were taken such as receiving support by corporate members and group tour arrangement for Japanese individual members. Besides, for a reason of the city of Hurricane Katrina disaster, special presentations were made by US Army Corps of Engineers in New Orleans. And some of presentations were performed by 5 young researchers. They were significant enough for attendees to recognize globalization of the Press-in Engineering. 3rd IPA International Workshop will take place October 2010.

Extraordinary General Assembly and the Board of Directors



Opening Remarks by Prof. Hajime Okamura (Honorary Member)



Welcome Address by Mr Skip Hubert (Director)



Introduction of Technology by President Akio Kitamura (Honorary President)

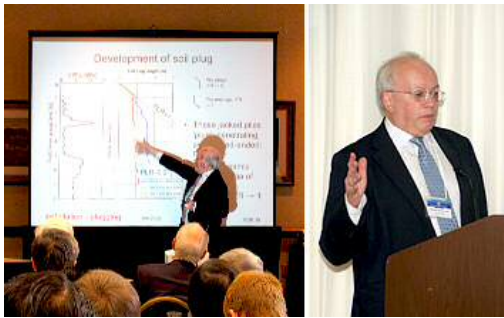


Moderator of Opening Dr Tadahiko Okumura (Secretary General)

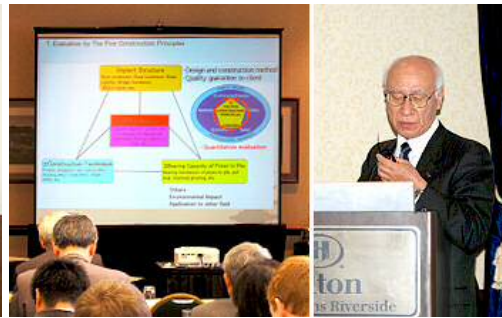


Extraordinary General Assembly

Presentation of Press-in Engineering



Prof. Malcolm Bolton (Chairman)
Press-in Engineering Research 2008



Emeritus Prof. Kozo Tagaya (Vice Chairman)
Research Activity on Press-in Technique in Japan



Mr Yukihiro Ishihara (Giken Seisakusho Co., Ltd.)
Utilization of Pile Penetration Test Data
for Ground Information



Ms Nanase Ogawa
(Giken Seisakusho Co., Ltd.)
Soil Plug Behavior of
Open-Ended Tubular Pile
During Press-in



Mr Paul Shepley
(University of Cambridge)
Plugging of Jacked-in
Tubular Piles

Special Presentation



Mr Dean Arnold
(US Army Corps of Engineers)
Storm Damage Risk Reduction
System Update

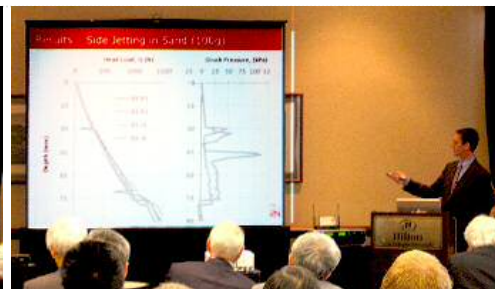


Mr Stanley Green
(US Army Corps of Engineers)
SELA Program

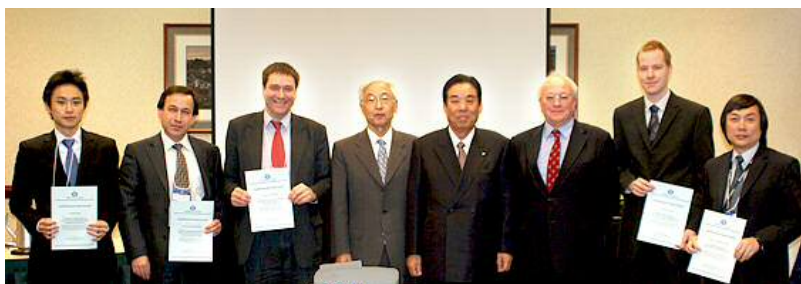


Mr Michael Carter
(Giken America Corporation)
The Latest Press-in Technology
and Projects in USA

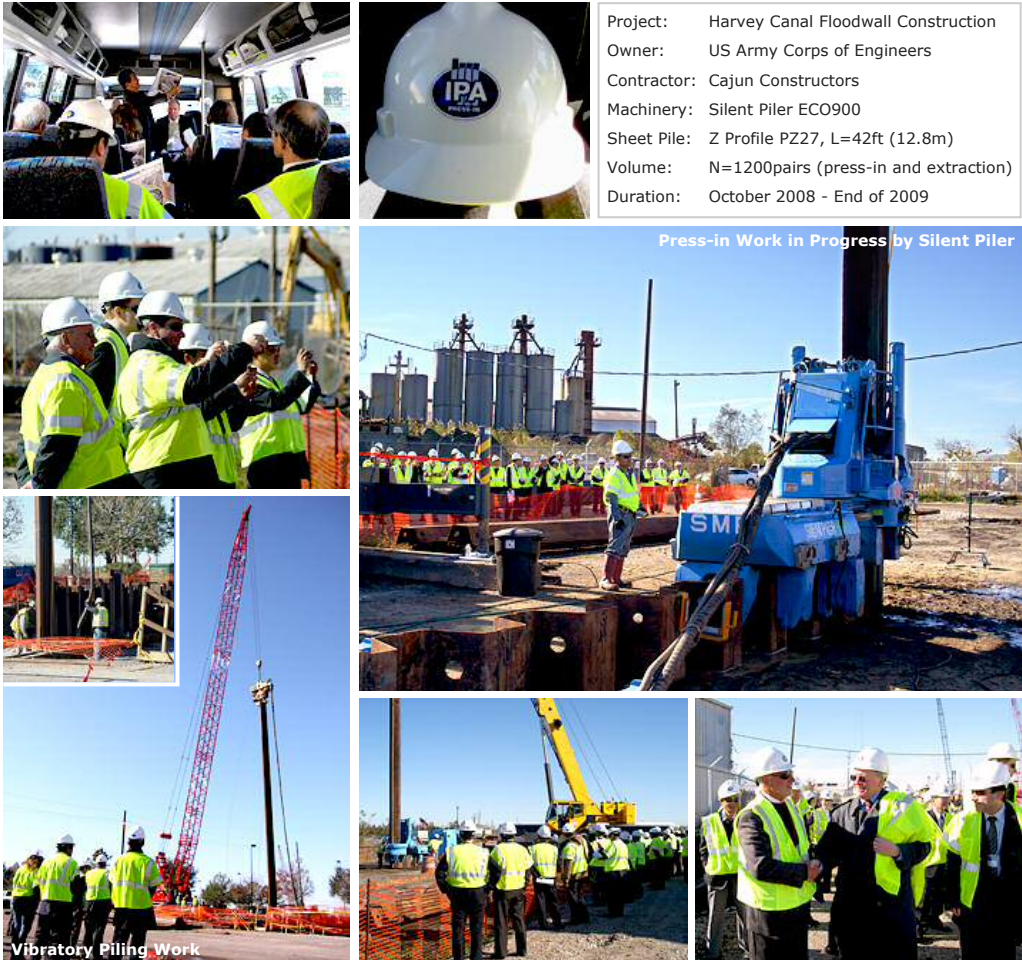
» Research Presentation by the 1st Grant Award Winners



» Award Ceremony and Presentation of 2nd Research Grant Award



Tour to Press-in Construction Site, 12 Dec 2008



On August 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated the southern areas of the United States. Estimated damages are about US\$ 96 billion loss and 2500 fatalities including missing. New Orleans was the most severely suffered and 80% area was flooded by failure of the flood protection system. The city is still under recovery.

The Press-in Method has been contributing to emergency restoration works in New Orleans. Thus the IPA planned a tour to visit the Harvey Canal Floodwall construction site to give members clear views of social contribution and actual operations of the press-in technology. This is a unique approach of the IPA to integrate academic theories and practical observations. In addition to the press-in site, there was an opportunity to visit a conventional piling site to effectively recognize the advantages of the press-in piling.

All Attendees in One Frame by the Mississippi River, 12 Dec 2008



Welcome Reception at Hilton New Orleans Riverside, 10 Dec 2008



Welcome reception was held for attendees on the night before the workshop. New members introduced themselves and regular members exchanged their latest information. They enjoyed warm hospitality and friendships.

Official Banquet at Antoine's Restaurant, 11 Dec 2008



Another big event of the 1st day of the workshop was the official banquet. Attendees were invited by the IPA to [Antoine's Restaurant](#) that was established in 1840 and is one of the most famous and historic restaurant in New Orleans. It locates in the heart of French Quarter just neighbouring Bourbon Street full of Jazz music. The beautiful iron lace balcony are on its exterior following the unique architectural style of the region and provides ethnic Cajun dishes that were loved by a lot of celebrities.

At this night, various Antoine's special dishes were served including exquisite Gumbo soup. They satisfied appetite enough, but some guests would rather the press-in engineering to satisfy their intellectual appetite.

