

## Geotecnica Lancellotta

The first Pan-American Conference on Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (PCSMGE) was held in Mexico in 1959. Every 4 years since then, PCSMGE has brought together the geotechnical engineering community from all over the world to discuss the problems, solutions and future challenges facing this engineering sector. Sixty years after the first conference, the 2019 edition returns to Mexico. The XVI PCSMGE 2019 conference was held in Cancun, Mexico, from 17 – 20 November 2019. This book presents the plenary lectures from the conference, delivered by distinguished geotechnical engineers of international renown. Experience and youth combine in this special publication, which includes the 9th Arthur Casagrande lecture, the plenary lecture of the ISSMGE President, 3 Bright Spark lectures, and the manuscripts of the 13 invited lecturers of practically all the technical sessions at the XVI PCSMGE 2019. Topics cover both research and applied geotechnics, including recent developments in geotechnical engineering. Representing a valuable reference for engineering practitioners and graduate students, and helping to identify new issues and shape future directions for research, the book will be of interest to all those working in the field, involved in soil mechanics and geotechnical engineering.

L'opera, composta da tre volumi, fornisce una raccolta di fogli di calcolo Excel utili per la definizione di progetto geotecnica e anche sismica. In questo primo volume vengono affrontati tutti gli aspetti fondamentali relativi alla caratterizzazione geotecnica dei terreni e degli ammassi rocciosi. Gli argomenti dei fogli di calcolo Excel sono stati suddivisi in appositi capitoli in ciascuno dei quali è riportata una breve teoria esplicativa di quanto è stato sviluppato e riportato nei singoli fogli di calcolo. I principali argomenti trattati sono l'identificazione, la classificazione e caratterizzazione fisica dei terreni; l'elaborazione e interpretazione dei risultati delle prove di laboratorio e di tutte le principali prove in sito impiegate per la determinazione della resistenza e deformabilità dei terreni quali le prove SPT, CPT, CPTU, pressiometriche, dilatometriche e di permeabilità; l'impiego dell'indagine geotecnica per la caratterizzazione del sito ai fini dello studio della risposta nella zona sismica locale; l'applicazione dei sistemi di classificazione degli ammassi rocciosi; l'interpretazione delle prove geomeccaniche di laboratorio quali le prove di compressione monoassiale, triassiale e di taglio diretto.

Internationally, the mechanized excavation of tunnels has intensified in the last two decades, as the number of tunnels being constructed for subways and railway underpasses increases. The subject of mechanized tunnelling in urban areas has not previously received the attention that it deserves, despite there being specific hazards associated with the construction of tunnels in metropolitan areas, including poor ground conditions, water tables higher than the level of tunnels, and subsidence leading to damage to the existing structures on the surface. The application of technologies for achieving the stability of the tunnel and for minimizing surface settlement is described in this book. Accurate characterization of the ground; rigorous assessment and management of risk from design to maintenance; the correct choice of a tunnel boring machine and a plan for the advancement of the tunnel; specific excavation procedures and real-time monitoring of excavation parameters are all discussed in this thorough work.

Divided into four parts, this work presents integrated studies and regional and case studies, and covers environmental constraints and effects, and the behaviour of earth masses.

During the last decades, continuum mechanics of porous materials has achieved great attention, since it allows for the consideration of the volumetrically coupled behaviour of the solid matrix deformation and the pore-fluid flow. Naturally, applications of porous media models range from civil and environmental engineering, where, e. g. , geotechnical problems like the consolidation problem are of great interest, via mechanical engineering, where, e. g. , the description of sinter materials or polymeric and metallic foams is a typical problem, to chemical and biomechanical engineering, where, e. g. , the complex structure of living tissues is studied. Although these applications are principally very different, they basically fall into the category of multiphase materials, which can be described, on the macroscale, within the framework of the well-founded Theory of Porous Media (TPM). With the increasing power of computer hardware together with the rapidly decreasing computational costs, numerical solutions of complex coupled problems became possible and have been seriously investigated. However, since the quality of the numerical solutions strongly depends on the quality of the underlying physical model together with the experimental and mathematical possibilities to successfully determine realistic material parameters, a successful treatment of porous materials requires a joint consideration of continuum mechanics, experimental mechanics and numerical methods. In addition, micromechanical investigations and homogenization techniques are very helpful to increase the phenomenological understanding of such media.

This book gathers the latest advances, innovations, and applications in the field of computational geomechanics, as presented by international researchers and engineers at the 16th International Conference of the International Association for Computer Methods and Advances in Geomechanics (IACMAG 2020/21). Contributions include a wide range of topics in geomechanics such as: monitoring and remote sensing, multiphase modelling, reliability and risk analysis, surface structures, deep structures, dams and earth structures, coastal engineering, mining engineering, earthquake and dynamics, soil-atmosphere interaction, ice mechanics, landfills and waste disposal, gas and petroleum engineering, geothermal energy, offshore technology, energy geostructures, geomechanical numerical models and computational rail geotechnics.

All the traces of historic heritage are a fundamental part of our environment and reward us in the form of cultural enrichment, with the ability to have a positive effect both on our lifestyle and economy. Therefore, the preservation of ancient monuments, historic towns and sites has increasingly drawn the attention of public opinion, governmental agencies as well as consultants and contractors. This interest must be however carefully controlled and directed, since the conservation of monuments and historic sites is one of the most challenging problems of our age.

Careless attempts at preservation can be detrimental not only to their iconic value (formal integrity), but even to their structural characteristics and the materials they are built with (material integrity). Geotechnical Engineering for the Preservation of Monuments and Historic Sites collects one opening address, four special lectures and 82 contributions from all over the world, giving a unique sample of the geotechnical problems to be tackled, the solutions currently being proposed, and the strategies being carried out to preserve the overall integrity of monuments and historic sites. It is clearly apparent that differences exist around the world not only in terms of the characteristics of the monuments or sites to be preserved, but also in the approaches adopted to achieve this aim. Hence, no unique solution is available to the geotechnical engineer dealing with the delicate structures and sites that represent our cultural heritage, and

knowledge of previous experiences may be a unique guide in any technical decision-making process.

This volume deals with the most modern and topical problems of bridge design. The topics presented allow to tackle both theoretical-analytical as well as technical-constructive aspects of the design problem, pointing out how in the case of bridges, specifically for long span bridges, the two aspects are absolutely inseparable. In modern bridges, reasons of technical and economic feasibility oblige an extreme parceling of the construction process, with the consequent need to revise, with respect to the past, both design concepts as well as the theoretical apparatus of analysis that governs it. All this can clearly be derived from reading the present volume, in which the different contributions stress theoretical and technical questions of particular interest and topicality, without claiming to approach them systematically, but offering clear procedural rules and trend indications. With reference to the theoretical approach, some of particular importance are reviewed, such as the possibility of using limit analysis, the simplification of the design process for bridges, durability, and computer aided design. For what concerns the bridge typologies and the corresponding constructive problems, the emphasis is mostly on the ones still in an evolutionary phase, that is long span suspended/stayed bridges and cantilever built bridges with prefabricated segments.

FUNDAMENTALS OF GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING is a concise combination of the essential components of Braja Das' market leading texts, Principles of Geotechnical Engineering and Principles of Foundation Engineering. The text includes the fundamental concepts of soil mechanics as well as foundation engineering without becoming cluttered with excessive details and alternatives. FUNDAMENTALS features a wealth of worked out examples, as well as figures to help students with theory and problem solving skills. Das maintains the careful balance of current research and practical field applications that has made his books leaders in this area. Important Notice: Media content referenced within the product description or the product text may not be available in the ebook version.

Il volume vuole essere una guida pratica all'interpretazione e all'uso dell'Eurocodice 7 (EC7) e delle nuove Norme Tecniche per le Costruzioni (NTC2018), rivolta agli allievi dei corsi universitari e ai professionisti. Ampio rilievo è stato dato agli esempi svolti per rendere chiara la comprensione della norma e per far acquisire familiarità con le nuove procedure di verifica. Sono stati trattati tutti i casi più ricorrenti della progettazione geotecnica, partendo comunque dal presupposto che il lettore abbia le conoscenze dei principi di Geotecnica impartite nei corsi universitari di base. Per questo motivo, gli argomenti sono stati trattati seguendo un criterio di comodità espositiva, senza preoccuparsi dell'ordine con il quale gli stessi argomenti sono presentati nelle NTC2018 o nell'EC7. Rispetto alla precedente edizione, la trattazione risulta arricchita dall'esposizione dei concetti di base della progettazione geotecnica in zona sismica, con i relativi esempi applicativi.

The EUROMECH Colloquium 366, 'Porous Media - Theory and Experiments' was held at the Bildungszentrum für die Entsorgungs- und Wasserwirtschaft GmbH B·E·W, Essen, Germany, from 23 to 27 June 1997. The goal of EUROMECH 366 was the presentation of recent findings in the macroscopic porous media theory (mixture theory restricted by the volume fraction concept) concerning general concepts and special investigations in the theoretical as well as the experimental field. Herein, numerical results requiring new solution strategies were also to be included. Moreover, foundations of fundamental statements in the macroscopic porous media theory (e.g. the effective stress principle for incompressible and compressible constituents by micromechanic investigations) were welcome. Emphasis was placed upon the need to bring together scientists from various branches where porous media theories play a dominant role, namely from theoretical mechanics, agriculture, biomechanics, chemical engineering, geophysics and soil mechanics as well as from petroleum energy and environmental engineering. More than 80 people from 12 different countries expressed their interest in the Colloquium, and finally, 58 took part in the meeting presenting 42 papers. Among the talks were seven principal lectures given by leading scientists in the a.m. fields invited by the organizers. As Chairman of EUROMECH 366, I would like to thank the co-chairmen and all of my co-workers from the Institute of Mechanics, FB 10, University of Essen, for their help in organizing the Colloquium, in particular, Dr.-Ing. W. Walther, Priv.-Doz.

As dams age, they are subject to a series of external agents and processes which tend to deteriorate the qualities with which they were originally conceived to stand against these actions. At the same time, it is often necessary to respond to increased safety standards, either in the structural or hydrological fields. Reservoir sedimentation or water Theories of surface waves develop since the end of XIX century and many fundamental problems like existence, phase and group velocities, attenuation (quality factor), mode conversion, etc. have been, in part successfully, solved within the framework of such simple models as ideal fluids<sup>^</sup> or linear elasticity. However, a sufficiently complete presentation of this subject, particularly for solids, is still missing in the literature. The sole exception is the book of I. A. Viktorov<sup>^</sup> which contains an extensive discussion of fundamental properties of surface waves in homogeneous and stratified linear elastic solids with particular emphasis on contributions of Russian scientists. Unfortunately, the book has never been translated to English and its Russian version is also hardly available. Practical applications of surface waves develop intensively since a much shorter period of time than theories even though the motivation of discoverers of surface waves such as Lord Rayleigh stems from their appearance in geophysics and seismology. Nowadays the growing interest in practical applications of surface waves stem from the following two main factors: surface waves are ideal for developing relatively cheap and convenient methods of nondestructive testing of various systems spanning from nanomaterials (e.g.

Established as a standard textbook for students of geotechnical engineering, this second edition of Geotechnical Engineering provides a solid grounding in the mechanics of soils and soil-structure interaction. Renato Lancellotta gives a clear presentation of the fundamental principles of soil mechanics and demonstrates how these principles are This book forms the Proceedings of an International RILEM Symposium, the fourth in the series, on Testing of Bituminous Mixes in Budapest, Hungary, October 1990. The aim of the

Symposium is to promote tests for the characterization, design and quality control of bituminous mixes which combine the best features of traditional and modern approaches. Among the topics covered are specimen preparation, tests with unique loading (Marshall test, uniaxial tension and creep tests etc), which are used for mix design or control of mechanical properties, and tests with repeated loading, which give information on fatigue, permanent deformation and moduli, especially for mix design.

Structural Analysis of Historical Constructions contains about 160 papers that were presented at the IV International Seminar on Structural Analysis of Historical Constructions that was held from 10 to 13 November, 2004 in Padova Italy. Following publications of previous seminars that were organized in Barcelona, Spain (1995 and 1998) and Guimarães, Portugal (2001), state-of-the-art information is presented in these two volumes on the preservation, protection, and restoration of historical constructions, both comprising monumental structures and complete city centers. These two proceedings volumes are devoted to the possibilities of numerical and experimental techniques in the maintenance of historical structures. In this respect, the papers, originating from over 30 countries, are subdivided in the following areas: Historical aspects and general methodology, Materials and laboratory testing, Non-destructive testing and inspection techniques, Dynamic behavior and structural monitoring, Analytical and numerical approaches, Consolidation and strengthening techniques, Historical timber and metal structures, Seismic analysis and vulnerability assessment, Seismic strengthening and innovative systems, Case studies. Structural Analysis of Historical Constructions is a valuable source of information for scientists and practitioners working on structure-related issues of historical constructions

Geotechnical Engineering treats the mechanics of soils and structures interacting with soils. Its primary aim is to reach undergraduate students, however, as it also discusses the more advanced aspects of soil behaviour, it will also appeal to graduate students. Furthermore, practicing engineers who are in search of a rational introduction to the behaviour of foundation structures will find this work a valuable aid. The three areas contributing to a successful teaching of geotechnical engineering are covered: applied mechanics; tests and experiments; and observation. A list of more than 450 selected references has been added for those readers who wish to study specific topics in more detail.

The contributions to this volume examine: geotechnical hazard acknowledging the diversity of local ground conditions and environmental factors which play a decisive role in designing engineering structures in Danubian countries.

L'opera si propone come connubio tra teoria e pratica in tema di rilevato stradale. È nata con l'intento di spiegare cos'è un rilevato stradale e come funziona, e di dare risposte esaurienti ai quesiti che il progettista durante l'esercizio della professione si pone: quali passaggi seguire nella progettazione geotecnica di un rilevato, quali verifiche effettuare in qualità di direttore dei lavori durante la sua esecuzione, cosa prescrivono i capitolati tecnici, quali sono le normative a cui fare riferimento. Il presente testo si rivolge ai professionisti, dando loro la possibilità di conoscere gli aspetti geotecnici alla base del progetto di un'opera in terra compattata, riferimenti pratici, diagrammi che illustrino quali passaggi seguire. All'interno del manuale si presenta anche l'analisi di un caso pratico che definisce le fasi da effettuare, commentate passo passo, sia nella progettazione geotecnica che nell'esecuzione di un rilevato stradale: il professionista può così comprendere come muoversi quando si trova di fronte al progetto geotecnico o alla direzione lavori.

This book is the first of a series of volumes on Built Heritage and Geotechnics, intended to reach a wide audience: professionals and academics in the fields of civil engineering, architecture, restoration and cultural heritage management, and even the wider public. The present volume provides essential information on the history of the construction of the Ghirlandina Tower in Modena, the techniques involved and the restoration works, and proves how the interaction with the supporting soil may explain the reasons behind the corrections that masons implemented during construction, the pattern of settlements suffered by the tower and the Cathedral and their mutual interaction. In addition to the above, there is one particular aspect that should capture the interest of a wide readership: in 1997 the Cathedral and the Ghirlandina Tower were included in the UNESCO World Heritage List, and it was recognized that the creation process shared by Lanfranco and Wiligermo is a masterpiece of human creativity, in which a new dialectical relationship between architecture and sculpture was created in Romanesque art. The Modena complex bears exceptional witness to the cultural traditions of the 12th century in northern Italy's urban society, its organization, religious character, beliefs, and values all being reflected in the history of the buildings.

This is the first book to bring together practical examples from around the world to show how geomorphological evidence can help in effective land utilisation and hazard risk assessment. Case studies provide important lessons in risk management, and experts provide summaries of current research. The text also promotes good practice and effective land use, and looks at problems caused by misuse of the environment and potential solutions based on geomorphological evidence.

An ideal resource for civil engineers working with offshore structures, pipelines, dredging, and coastal erosion, Seafloor Processes and Geotechnology bridges the gap between the standard soil mechanics curriculum of civil engineering and published material on marine geotechnology. Utilizing organized information on sediments and foundations for marine applications from a variety of sources, it provides practical reference information and approaches for analysis and design. This book provides an understanding of the processes and loadings affecting the sediment/water interface and the sediment column on the continental shelf and slope as well as the abyssal plains. It outlines the geological and geotechnical factors that should be considered in an investigation, and provides practicing professionals with the information they need to analyze potential environmental hazards and problems in marine foundations and slope stability. It covers geology, site investigation, drilling and sampling sediments, material properties, foundation design, slope stability, and more. Exploring marine geotechnology from a historical perspective, this book: Describes the development of marine geotechnology, the marine environment, and the geology of the seabed Discusses the various elements of a site investigation Explains how to investigate a site by remote sensing over the macro scale, probing to look at a more defined area, and drilling and sampling at the micro scale Looks at the physical, acoustic, and geochemical properties of marine sediments at the micro scale Focuses on slope stability and marine foundations Seafloor Processes and Geotechnology provides the background for in situ investigation, drilling, soil sampling, and laboratory testing technologies and serves as a complete handbook for engineers, geologists, as well as marine and environmental scientists.

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Conservation of monuments and historic sites is one of the most challenging problems facing modern civilization. It involves various cultural, humanistic, social, technical, economical and administrative factors, intertwining in inextricable patterns. The complexity of the topic is such that guidelines or recommendations for intervention techniques and design approaches are difficult to set. The Technical

Committee on the Preservation of Monuments and Historic Sites (named TC19) was established by the International Society of Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE) in 1981, is supported by the Italian Geotechnical Society (AGI), and was renamed TC301 in 2010. This book assesses the role of historic towers as symbols of community identity and how to best preserve this special cultural heritage. Well-documented, exemplary case histories highlight concepts of preservation, integrity, cultural heritage, dynamic identification techniques and techniques for long-term monitoring of historic towers, as well as provide examples of appropriate intervention measures. The book will be of interest to professionals and academics in the wider fields of civil engineering, architecture and cultural resources management, and particularly those involved in art history, history of architecture, geotechnical engineering, structural engineering, archaeology, restoration and cultural heritage management.

Containing papers from the Special Technical Session on Earthquake Geotechnical Engineering, this volume includes coverage of: zonation maps; liquefaction; side effects; ground motions; slope instability; seismic behaviour of slopes; dikes and dams; and warning systems.

Dopo diversi anni di insegnamento della Geotecnica nei corsi di studio di primo e secondo livello, è maturata la convinzione che potesse risultare utile per gli studenti raccogliere in un agile volume una serie di problemi ed esempi tipicamente proposti quali temi d'esame negli insegnamenti di base di questa disciplina, svolti presso la Facoltà di Ingegneria dell'Università di Bologna. Pertanto, con la finalità di fornire uno strumento didattico in linea con la nuova organizzazione degli studi di ingegneria, il libro presenta e risolve in modo chiaro e lineare molti tra i comuni esercizi di meccanica delle terre, suddivisi per argomento in sei capitoli. In calce al volume vengono forniti i riferimenti bibliografici di alcuni libri di testo che affrontano e sviluppano i concetti fondamentali della materia, il cui apprendimento può essere verificato e consolidato mediante lo svolgimento degli esercizi illustrati.

Modelling forms an implicit part of all engineering design but many engineers engage in modelling without consciously considering the nature, validity and consequences of the supporting assumptions.

Derived from courses given to postgraduate and final year undergraduate MEng students, this book presents some of the models that form a part of the typical undergraduate geotechnical curriculum and describes some of the aspects of soil behaviour which contribute to the challenge of geotechnical modelling. Assuming a familiarity with basic soil mechanics and traditional methods of geotechnical design, this book is a valuable tool for students of geotechnical and structural and civil engineering as well as also being useful to practising engineers involved in the specification of numerical or physical geotechnical modelling.

This book is unique on the subject because it is not so much a collection of individual work, but basically comprising national reports from most European countries on the present-day design methods, as prescribed in more or less strict national codes or recommendations and so daily used in practice by consulting engineers and contractors. As far as already implemented, the application of these methods within the framework of Eurocode 7 is described as well. In order to improve the understanding of the design methods, the national papers also consider aspects such as the local piling practice, limitations of the design methods, some practical examples and particular national experiences. The proceedings also include the contributions of two invited speakers as well as those of the three session discussion leaders, focusing on some particular aspects with regards to pile design. The book is of particular interest for those who are involved with pile design in practice, consulting engineers, piling contractors, control organisms as well as those dealing with geotechnical normalisation and research work.

This second volume of a specialty 2-volume works contains 34 papers pertaining to the natural behaviour of diverse geomaterials found in different parts of the world. Each paper is organized along the outline: location and distribution, engineering geology, composition, state and index properties, structure, engineering properties, quality / reliability of data with reference to methods of sampling and testing, and relation to engineering problems. This extensive body of collated knowledge is integrated by three overview papers covering engineering geology, mechanical behaviour and engineering implications. Topics: Overview papers; Marine clays; Estuarine Clays; Lacustrine clays; Stiff clays; Sands and other cohesionless soils; Residual and other tropical Soils; Weak rock.

The present volume offers a state-of-the-art report on the various recent scientific developments in the Theory of Porous Media (TPM) comprehending the basic theoretical concepts in continuum mechanics on porous and multiphase materials as well as the wide range of experimental and numerical applications. Following this, the volume does not only address the sophisticated reader but also the interested beginner in the area of Porous Media by presenting a collection of articles. These articles written by experts in the field concern the fundamental approaches to multiphase and porous materials as well as various applications to engineering problems. In many branches of engineering just as in applied natural sciences like bio- and chemomechanics, one often has to deal with continuum mechanical problems which cannot be uniquely classified within the well-known disciplines of either "solid mechanics" or "fluid mechanics". These problems, characterized by the fact that they require a unified treatment of volumetrically coupled solid-fluid aggregates; basically fall into the categories of either mixtures or porous media. Following this, there is a broad variety of problems ranging in this category as for example the investigation of reacting fluid mixtures or solid-fluid suspensions as well as the investigation of the coupled solid deformation and pore-fluid flow behaviour of liquid- and gas-saturated porous solid skeleton materials like geomaterials (soil, rock, concrete, etc. ), polymeric and metallic foams or biomaterials (hard and soft tissues, etc).

La relazione geologica e quella geotecnica costituiscono i documenti progettuali fondamentali per quanto concerne l'esposizione sia delle indagini geologiche e geotecniche sia dei risultati degli studi condotti per la progettazione geotecnica di un'opera civile o di una infrastruttura. Il progetto geotecnico rappresenta l'atto di sintesi con il quale il progettista procede alla soluzione di un problema geotecnico. Nel caso specifico si tratta di individuare soluzioni idonee ad istituire un corretto rapporto di compatibilità tra le opere e il terreno. Ciò comporta la pianificazione e lo svolgimento di indagini in sito e prove in sito e in laboratorio; queste hanno come obiettivo la definizione del modello geologico (caratterizzazione geologica) e del modello geotecnico (caratterizzazione geotecnica) e, quindi, del cosiddetto modello di calcolo da adottare. È indispensabile situare il problema in un contesto assai ampio, che pone l'esigenza di un approccio multidisciplinare, per via dei vincoli posti dalle diverse problematiche da affrontare in fase di progetto e di costruzione: funzionali, ambientali, geologiche, idrogeologiche, geotecniche. Proprio allo scopo di evidenziare l'importanza di un approccio di tal tipo il testo analizza sia la relazione geologica, di competenza del geologo, sia la relazione geotecnica, di competenza dell'ingegnere geotecnico. 2 Esempi pratici liberamente scaricabili da [darioflaccovio.it](http://darioflaccovio.it)

Soils are complex materials: they have a particulate structure and fluids can seep through pores, mechanically interacting with the solid skeleton. Moreover, at a microscopic level, the behaviour of the solid skeleton is highly unstable. External loadings are in fact taken by grain chains which are continuously destroyed and rebuilt. Many issues of modeling, even of the physical details of the phenomena, remain open, even obscure; de Gennes listed them not long ago in a critical review. However, despite physical complexities, soil mechanics has developed

on the assumption that a soil can be seen as a continuum, or better yet as a medium obtained by the superposition of two and sometimes three con and the other fluids, which occupy the same portion of tinua, one solid space. Furthermore, relatively simple and robust constitutive laws were adopted to describe the stress-strain behaviour and the interaction between the solid and the fluid continua. The contrast between the intrinsic nature of soil and the simplistic engi neering approach is self-evident. When trying to describe more and more sophisticated phenomena (static liquefaction, strain localisation, cyclic mo bility, effects of diagenesis and weathering, ..... ), the nalve description of soil must be abandoned or, at least, improved. Higher order continua, incrementally non-linear laws, micromechanical considerations must be taken into account. A new world was opened, where basic mathematical questions (such as the choice of the best tools to model phenomena and the proof of the well-posedness of the consequent problems) could be addressed.

This book discusses techniques for predicting, preventing and controlling the hydrogeological instability of slopes consisting of cohesive soils. The proposed methodology is practical and innovative, and assumes a dynamic valence in defining the deformation process of underground failure as well as its activation through the assumption of a four-dimensional space-time continuum. This latter aspect is crucial for predicting a landslide in time to control it. At present, predicting, preventing and controlling hydrogeological instability in cohesive soils relies on mathematical modelling using specific software, the predictive reliability of which is rather deficient. Such modelling is based upon deterministic processes, which are entirely unsuitable for dealing with the complexity of vital processes occurring during the genesis of a landslide. In this work, the three-dimensional vision of a landslide as a set of distinct and independent phenomena is abandoned and the prediction and prevention of hydrogeological instability is pursued through the alternative of an indivisible totality of natural phenomena that includes the time factor. The book is of interest to graduates and researchers of applied geology, geotechnical, environmental and civil engineering, as well as professionals in the fields of hydrogeology and natural hazards.

This book contains peer-reviewed papers from the Second World Landslide Forum, organised by the International Consortium on Landslides (ICL), that took place in September 2011. The entire material from the conference has been split into seven volumes, this one is the seventh: 1. Landslide Inventory and Susceptibility and Hazard Zoning, 2. Early Warning, Instrumentation and Monitoring, 3. Spatial Analysis and Modelling, 4. Global Environmental Change, 5. Complex Environment, 6. Risk Assessment, Management and Mitigation, 7. Social and Economic Impact and Policies.

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