

Goa Engineering College & IGS Goa Chapter

Dr. Victor de Mello Centenary Symposium, the 8th Dr. Victor de Mello Goa Lecture & Symposium on Landslides in Tropical Soils



Centenary Symposium Lecture

The Third Alternative –

Geosynthetic Reinforced Foundation Beds

Prof. MR Madhav, Ph. D.D. Sc., FNAE
Honorary Professor IIT Hyderabad

8th Dr. Victor de Mello Goa Lecture

Chenab Bridge - The Arch of Ambience: Advanced Geotechnical Strategies and Sustainable Foundation Design

Prof. T G Sitharam, FNAE, FASCE, FICE (UK), D.Sc.
Professor, IISc, Bengaluru & Former Chairman
AICTE & Former Director IIT Guwahati

14th-15th May 2026, Goa

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Indian Geotechnical Society Goa Chapter

Goa Chapter of Indian Geotechnical Society was established on 28th October 2016 and is the 41st Chapter of the Indian Geotechnical Society. Since inception, IGS Goa Chapter was pioneer in starting Dr. Victor de Mello Goa Lecture, Dr. N V Nayak Memorial Lecture, Symposium on Women in Geotechnics and Symposium on TC-107 in India.

Victor De Mello Birth Centenary Symposium & The 8th Dr Victor De Mello Goa Lecture

Dr. Victor Froilano Bachmann de Mello was born in Panaji - Goa on 14th May 1926. This year we are celebrating his birth centenary. To commemorate this prestigious event, IGS Goa Chapter is organizing Dr. Victor de Mello Birth Centenary Symposium on 14th May 2026 along with the 8th prestigious Dr. Victor de Mello Goa Lecture. IGS Goa Chapter initiated this prestigious Dr. Victor de Mello Goa Lecture in 2017, to be delivered by an eminent engineer of international repute. The First lecture was delivered by Prof M R Madhav. The subsequent lectures were delivered by Dr. Luiz Guilherme de Mello, Prof. Pedro Seco e Pinto, Prof A Balasubramaniam, Prof. Roger Frank, Prof. K S Rao and Prof. G L Sivakumar Babu. These lectures are also published in the International Journal of Soils and Rocks published by Brazilian and Portuguese Geotechnical Societies and Dr Victor de Mello website <https://victorfbdemello.com.br/>. The 8th Dr. Victor de Mello Goa Lecture will be delivered by Prof. T G Sitharam, Chairman, BOG, NIFTEM-T, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu (an Institution of National Importance), Professor, Indian Institute of Science,

Bengaluru; Honorary Professor, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, Assam; and, Visiting Professor, IIT Patna. Former Chairman, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Govt of India and Former Director, Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati on 14th May 2026 at 12.00 noon (Hybrid mode).

ISSMGE TC-107 Symposium on Landslides

In India, landslides in tropical soils are a prevalent natural hazard, affecting the Western Ghats and Nilgiri Hills in particular, featuring the deep, highly weathered tropical lateritic soils and saprolites, which are highly susceptible to saturation and instability during the intense Southwest Monsoon. ISSMGE TC-107 Symposium on Landslides in Tropical Soils is organized on 15th May 2026. Prof. Neelima Satyam, Institute Chair Professor, IIT Indore and member Natural Slopes and Landslides and LARAM Scientific Committee Member will deliver the Symposium theme talk along with other Symposium lectures.

Symposium Speakers



Prof. M R Madhav



Prof. TG Sitharam



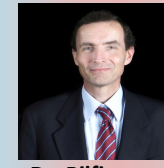
Er. Luiz de Mello



Dr. Anil Joseph



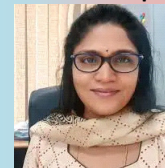
Prof. Schnaid



Dr. Bilfinger



Dr. K Balan



Prof. Neelima
Satyam



Dr. Shivashankar



Prof. Purnanand
Savoikar



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Jayamohan



Dr. Sajinkumar



Dr. Rohan
Deshmukh

Dr. Victor F. B. De Mello



Dr. Victor Froilano Bachmann de Mello was born in Panaji - Goa on 14th May 1926. After his schooling in India, Victor proceeded to MIT, Cambridge, USA and obtained his BSc degree in June 1946, MSc in September 1946 and D. Sc. in 1947 from the same institute.

After his research work in MIT, he proceeded to Brazil where he worked in different capacities from 1951 to 1967 as Chief Design Engineer, Technical Director and Superintending Director of Geotécnica, Inc., which was the largest company in consulting and special services in geotechnical engineering. He also operated as consultant since 1968. His academic career started from 1957 when he was appointed Professor of Soil Engineering at Mackenzie University in São Paulo and in 1967 he became Professor of Soil Engineering at São Paulo University. In addition, he had been the President of the Brazilian Society of Soil Mechanics (of which he is a founding member), the first recipient of its Terzaghi Prize, Vice President of the International Society of Rock Mechanics for Latin America and Vice President of the International Society of Soil Mechanics for Latin America.

Dr. Victor de Mello delivered the **Seventeenth Rankine Lecture** of the British Geotechnical Society on 10th March 1977 titled **"Reflections on Design Decisions of Practical Significance to Embankment Dams"**. He was elected as President of ISSMFE for the term 1981-85. In 1985, he suggested 25 different solutions for correcting the tilt of Leaning Tower of Pisa.

He remarked **"When faced with a problem of high ratio of responsibility to feasibility, it is not in better analytical work that engineers seek solutions, but rather in different statistical universes in order to set aside, quite definitely, the possible histogram of degrees of undesirable behaviour"**.

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Symposium Lectures

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Prof. MR Madhav	The Third Alternative – Geosynthetic Reinforced Foundation Beds
Prof. T G Sitharam (Hybrid)	Chenab Bridge -The Arch of Ambience: Advanced Geotechnical Strategies and Sustainable Foundation Design
Er. Luiz Guilherme de Mello (Online)	Design and Performance of a Test Embankment on Very Soft Mexico Clay Deposit Improved by Vacuum and Surcharge Preloading with PVDs
Dr. Anil Joseph	From Distress to Stability: Geotechnical Solutions for Infrastructure Projects
Prof. Fernando Schnaid (Online)	Geotechnical Investigation in Tailings Storage Facilities: Importance, Challenges and Risks
Dr. Werner Bilfinger (Online)	Settlements due to Blasting Vibrations in an Urban Tunnel Excavation
Dr. K Balan	Experiences with the Design and Execution of Rockfill dam

ISSMGE TC-107 Symposium on Landslides - 15 th May 2026	
Prof. Neelima Satyam	Recent Landslide and Debris Disaster in Mandi District in Himachal
Dr. R Shivashankar	Geotechnical Engineering with Lateritic Soils and Slope Stability in Lateritic Formations
Prof. Purnanand P Savoikar	Applications of AI in Landslides and Slope Stability
Dr. K Balan	Slope Stability in Residual Soils of Kerala
Prof. J Jayamohan	Reconstruction of Failed Embankment Resting on Soft Soil – A Case Study
Dr. K S Sajinkumar	Mobile App-based Early Warning System for Landslides in Kerala
Dr. Rohan Deshmukh	Numerical Modeling of Rainfall Induced Landslides: Insights from FEM, LEM and Integrated Geotechnical Workflows

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Registration fee of attending both the Dr. Victor de Mello Birth Centenary Symposium and Symposium on Landslides in Tropical Soils is as below:

Academicians & Industry	Rs. 1500
IGS Members	Rs. 1200
Research Scholars, UG/PG Students	Rs. 500

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Fee can be paid online through Bank Transfer.

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