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Preface

Design of slopes and retaining structures continue to pose wide challenges to geotechnical engineers. These include long term performance under static and seismic conditions and in harsh environments as well as the issues related to use of non-traditional backfills and the reliability of the constructed systems throughout the design life. Several of the challenges related to design and construction of slopes and retaining structures are addressed with the increased utilization of geosynthetics over the past two decades. The level of activities associated with geosynthetics reinforcement range from paved and unpaved roads to the construction of segmental retaining walls and slopes. In these proceedings, field and laboratory performance of retaining walls and slopes under seismic and static conditions are premiered. National and international experts present their perspectives regarding performance of reinforced and unreinforced pavement systems, slopes and retaining structures in harsh environments and under severe conditions.

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