

## **LIFE02 ENV/FIN/000329. KUKKIA CIRCLET**

### **Report on Task 7 / Dissemination / Workshop**

The original objective for the workshop in the project plan (October 2001 / May 2002) was as follows: "Workshop will be arranged in Tampere in June 2004. The workshop programme will include presentations of the project and its results, but also a draft version of the Guide and the video films. Visits at the pilot sites will be arranged in connection of the workshop. The invitations will be spread through the existing contact network in December 2003."

The workshop was not implemented quite as planned. In fact, the project management was given the fortunate opportunity to have the project workshop in connection of the "7<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Environmental Geotechnology and Global Sustainable Development" in Espoo, Finland in June 8-10, 2004. The organisers were the International Society of Environmental Geotechnology, the Finnish Environmental Institute and the Helsinki University of Technology. The planning committee included Dr. Pentti Lahtinen, director of Ramboll Finland Oy (former SCC Viatek Oy) – the principal advisor and consultant of Kukkia Circllet - and Mr. Jaakko Soikkeli, MD of Finncao Oy, one of the project partners. It was also realistic to assume, that two similar types conferences or workshops could not obtain enough interested participants during the summer 2004 in Finland. For these reasons, the Steering Group decided to participate the Symposium with Kukkia Circllet presentations instead of arranging a separate workshop (Steering Group meeting 9<sup>th</sup> December 2003).

The call of the ISEG Symposium was spread widely in Europe and other where in the world, including also the project interest groups (contact network in Europe). Information about the symposium was given in the project's web pages as well. The invitations of the symposium organisers were directed at "researchers, policy-makers and design-engineers from academia, industry and government agencies", which covers quite well the target audience for the Kukkia Circllet project. The European (EU) participants of the symposium came from the UK, Italy, Greece, France, the Netherlands, Estonia, Slovakia and Slovenia (many participants were also from Russia and the U.S.A.).

During the planning period, there were plans to have a special and separate session involving the Kukkia Circllet project presentations. However, the symposium organisers obtained surprisingly many interesting papers for presentation, and had to make new arrangements to fit all into the three-day programme. In the final programme of the symposium the Kukkia Circllet presentation was under the special session for "Sustainable development policies for the geo-environment" on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2004. The presentation was given by Seppo Kolkka, the ex-leader of the project. Additionally, one of the keynote lectures, "Case-histories of Geo-environmental Projects (By-products and stabilisation)" presented by Dr. Pentti Lahtinen, included also a description of the project.

Kukkia Circlet presentation included a paper and a oral presentation with slides of the project<sup>1</sup>, and the presentation of the video/dvd that was finalised at the end of May 2004. The video/dvd was not possible to show for the audience, but the dvd were available and given to the interested participants during the symposium. According to Dr Lahtinen (who participated each day of the symposium) the interest for the project and its results was high and the project was discussed in depth with many participants during the symposium.

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<sup>1</sup> the paper and slide presentations are available at the project web sites