Preface

On a five-yearly basis and starting in 1988, the Bored and Auger Pile Seminars have been organized in Ghent.

The intriguing complexity of the soil-pile interaction and its related load-settlement behaviour do justify such specialized topic meetings, especially in case of bored and even more of screw piles.

Contractors, designers and academicians complied once more in these proceedings their new approaches and developments of the last five years, elucidating the today’s state-of-the-art from pile installation, pile testing and pile capacity-evaluation point of view.

This fourth Bored and Auger Pile Seminar hopefully will also contribute to a better and more efficient professional interaction of specialized contractors, designers and academicians gathering in the discussion sessions this week.

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