The China Shale Gas 2015 (CSG2015) : "A Platform for Unlocking Shale Gas from around the World” was held at the East Lake Hotel in Wuhan, China, on 6-9 September, 2015 as an ISRM-sponsored Specialised Conference. The conference was organized by Institute of Rock and Soil Mechanics (Chinese Academy of Sciences).

The total number of registered participants was about 150 from 10 different countries (majority of them were students). The objective of CSG2015 was successful achieved through a combination of 90 papers were presented: 9 as keynote speaker, 52 as oral presentations, and 28 as posters. The ISRM President Dr Eda Quadros, Vice President for Asia, Prof. Seokwon Jeon, Vice President for South America, Prof. Sergio A.B. da Fontoura attended the conference.

The symposium started with Opening Ceremony given by the ISRM President, Dr Eda Quadros. Keynotes and technical presentations included contributions from both academics and practicing engineers. Over the two days of the conference, Best Keynote Awards and Best Poster Awards were presented at the closing ceremony.

The conference program provided a platform for international researchers and practitioners across the whole range of disciplines to examine pressing issues, exchange ideas, develop innovative solutions and explore emerging technologies in key technical areas of shale and coal seam gas extraction. This is the key to replicating the success of the US shale gas revolution both in China and in other parts of the world.

There is no proceedings for this conference. Instead, a special edition of Journal of Natural Gas Science and Engineering was organized and published online.

Regards,
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