The trips have the following two major objectives: (i) to provide, during a 4 to 5 yr period, an opportunity for a graduate student as well as faculty to see and have local experts discuss most of the major soils and landscapes in the northeast, and (ii) To stimulate interest and excitement in investigating how the soils and landscapes of the northeast have formed. An additional benefit of the trip is that students and faculty interested in soil genesis in the northeast get to know each other. This can only be a plus for northeast soil genesis studies. As indicated, these trips focus on soil genesis, although some classification and land use topics are often discussed.

To date the field trips have been well received by both the students and faculty, and it appears that they will be continued. Although the northeast is unique in that it is relatively small, the same type of arrangement might work elsewhere between a group of states. I suggest you try it, you might like it.

### Second International Symposium on Geotechnical Applications of Ground-Penetrating Radar to be Held

The Second International Symposium on Geotechnical Applications of Ground-Penetrating Radar (GPR) will be held in Gainesville, FL on Mar. 6–10, 1988. The purpose for this symposium is to get individuals together who have used the GPR in their work and those that are interested in learning more about the radar. Topics include geologic and hydrogeologic investigations, interpretation of radar data, computer modeling, soil applications, archaeological studies, and new techniques, applications, and equipment. A field trip is planned to demonstrate GPR’s usefulness in differentiating pedologic and geologic features on a complex karst-soil landscape. A special training workshop on GPR will also be presented on Sunday, March 6.

The FIRST AND ONLY CALL FOR PAPERS deadline is November 1. A Title/Summary form may be obtained from Gregg Schellentragger, USDA-SCS, 401 SE 1st Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601. (904) 377-1092. Title/Summaries will be published and distributed to participants. For information on registration, contact: Luis Rivera, Offices of Conferences, IFAS Bldg. 639, Univ. of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611. (904) 392-5930.