



Canadian Geotechnical Society
Société canadienne de géotechnique

2016 Annual Committee Report

Committee Name: Heritage Committee

July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

Section 1: General

Name of CGS Committee: Heritage Committee

Date of report: January 27, 2016

Prepared by: David Cruden

Committee Chair: David Cruden

End of Term of Chair: December 2017

CGS website address: http://cgs.ca/heritage_committee.php?lang=en

Last time your Committee's CGS website was updated: September 2015

If the Committee has a separate website...No

...please provide address: N/A

...is there a link to the CGS website? No

Section 2: Current (July to December) Executive members and their Affiliations (employers or, if students, universities)

Chair: David Cruden, University of Alberta,

Past Chairs: Suzanne Powell – Thurber Engineering Ltd.

Mustapha Zergoun – Thurber Engineering Ltd.

Jim Graham – University of Manitoba

Vice Chair: Jacques Locat – Université Laval

Secretary: Heinrich Heinz- Thurber Engineering Ltd.

Active Members: Fred Matich – MAJM Corporation Ltd.

Harpreet Panesar-Gov. of Saskatchewan

Mahdi Taiebat - University of British Columbia

Suzanne Lacasse - NGI

Andrea Lougheed - Thurber Engineering Ltd.

Richard Gervais – Independent Consultant, Montreal

Section 3: Number of members

Executive members: Three

Total members: Eleven. Ten people attended the annual meeting in Quebec City in 2015. There are a number of people (10-15) who have expressed interest in being part of the committee over the last year.

We would like to encourage Heritage Enthusiasts in each of the Society's Sections & Divisions

Section 4: Committee is affiliated with which other organizations

National affiliates and names of CGS representatives

- Engineering Institute of Canada - The History and Archives Committee

- North American affiliates and names of CGS representatives:

TBA

- International affiliates and names of CGS representatives:

TBA

Section 5: Finances

As of June 30, 2016: No financial assets.

Section 6: Activities (on-going)

Jim Graham continues to update the "Lives Lived" section of the CGS Heritage web page with the assistance of Heinrich Heinz and Fred Matich. There have been two separate rounds of revisions to the "Lives Lived" pages on the Heritage Archives web pages. The total number of memoirs is now 38.

- We are working on documents to be added to the CGS Heritage webpage in the coming months.
- Fred Matich has circulated his article on the early works of oil sands development. Following approval from Syncrude, we hope to add the illustrations to this article to the CGS Heritage web page.
- David Cruden announced the recent publication by the Edmonton Geological Society of the book "John Allan: The Founding of Alberta's Energy Industries" by Willem Langenberg and Dave Cruden. Dave has received permission from the publishers to add selected images from the book to the CGS Heritage web page.
- Ian Moore is to provide the foreword by Karl Terzaghi and introduction by Robert F. Legget to the first issue of the Canadian Geotechnical Journal (September 1963), which will be added to the CGS Heritage web page.
- Mahdi Taiebat is to enquire about short articles of historical nature on geomechanics and numerical analysis in Canada.
- Jacques Locat has researched photographs and documents about the rock falls in Quebec City in the 19th Century, which will be presented at the Heritage Luncheon at the 69th Annual Canadian Geotechnical, GeoVancouver 2016.
- Suzanne Lacasse is to provide links on the CGS website for Canadian projects that are part of the Norwegian Geotechnical Institute digital database.
- Harpreet Panesar has added "Saskatchewan Geotechnical Pioneers" to our Documents
- Richard Gervais is investigating the history of the Montreal Section. He has contacted a previous president from the late 1970s, Raymond Bousquet, who has some files.

Section 7: Additional information or comments

The Committee will formalize its procedures for approving new material to be uploaded to the Heritage pages of the CGS website (so the Administrative staff may upload with confidence and dispatch). Any guidance on this would be appreciated.