



**Canadian Geotechnical Society**  
**Société canadienne de géotechnique**

**Division Report**  
2015 Annual Report

July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

**Section 1: General**

Name of CGS Division: Cold Regions Geotechnology

Date of report: July 13, 2015

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Division Chair: Baolin Wang

End of Term of Chair: Dec. 31, 2016

CGS website address: [http://cgs.ca/division\\_cold\\_regions.php?lang=en](http://cgs.ca/division_cold_regions.php?lang=en)

Last time your Division's CGS website was updated: March 10, 2015

Separate website: N/A

**Section 2: Executive members and their employers or, if students, universities**

Chair: Baolin Wang, Natural Resources Canada, Ottawa, ON

Past Chair: Lukas Arenson, BGC Engineering Inc., Vancouver, BC

Members: Jean Côté – Laval University, Québec, QC  
Ed Hoeve – EBA Engineering Consultants Ltd., Yellowknife, NT  
Ryan Phillips – C-CORE, St. John's, NL  
Dave Segó – University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB  
Jack Seto - BGC Engineering Inc., Edmonton, AB

**Section 3: Number of members**

Executive members: 7

1<sup>st</sup> Choice members: 87

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice members: 234

Comments:

- The Division's membership has had a steady increase since the last two years (66 first choice members for 2012-2013; 71 for 2013-2014 and 87 for the current year). The regional distribution of the first choice members are: AB: 24, BC: 13, MB: 12, NL: 1, NS: 0, NT: 2, ON: 11, QC: 14, SK: 3, YT: 1, International: 5.

**Section 4: Division is affiliated with which other organizations**

National affiliates and names of CGS representatives (list)

- Canadian National Chapter, International Permafrost Association, represented by Ed Hoeve on the Executive Committee.

North American affiliates and names of CGS representatives (list)

- Nil

International affiliates and names of CGS representatives (list)

- International Permafrost Association, represented by Lukas Arenson, Richard Fortier on Permafrost Engineering Interest Group; Lukas Arenson on the International Scientific Committee for the XI International Conference on Permafrost (ICOP 2016), 20-24 June 2015, Potsdam, Germany.

Comments (point form)

- Nil

#### **Section 5. Finances**

As of (date): July 13, 2015

Balance: \$13,776

Comments (point form)

- Nil

#### **Section 6. Annual Conference / Board of Directors Meeting**

Are you planning to attend the GéoQuébec 2015 conference? Yes

Do you have any specific questions or issues that you would like to suggest for the BOD meeting agenda?

- No

#### **Section 7. Activities** (point form)

- There were 5 cold regions papers at the 2014 CGS conference.
- Roger J.E. Brown Award was presented at the 2014 CGS conference to: Isabelle de Grandpré, Daniel Fortier and Eva Stephani.
- The next Roger J.E. Brown Award will be selected in 2016.
- The Division is actively participating in the organization of the 68<sup>th</sup> CGS Conference and the 7<sup>th</sup> Canadian Permafrost Conference, Québec City, QC, Sept. 20 - 23, 2015. Nine special topics have been suggested to the local organizing committee for solicitation of papers and to form potential technical sessions. The Division took the lead to contact the potential authors for contribution to the conference. A total of 289 abstracts and 156 manuscripts were received in permafrost science and cold regions engineering. The Division actively participated in the review of the abstracts and the manuscripts.

#### **Section 8. Additional information or comments**

Nil