



Canadian Geotechnical Society
Société canadienne de géotechnique

Committee Report

2015 Annual Report

July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

Section 1: General

Name of CGS Division: Rock Mechanics Division

Date of report: August 21, 2015

Prepared by: Sam Proskin

Division Chair: Sam Proskin

End of Term of Chair: December 31, 2017

CGS website address: https://www.cgs.ca/division_rock_mechanics.php

Last time your Division's CGS website was updated: February 2015

If the Division has a separate website please provide address:

CARMA website

<http://www.carma-rocks.ca>

Is there a link to the CGS website?: Yes

Section 2: Executive members and their employers or, if students, universities what should be published on the CGS website;

Chair: Sam Proskin, Thurber Engineering Ltd.

Past Chair: Jim Hazzard, ITASCA Consulting Group

Vice Chair: n/a

Secretary: n/a

(Add others as necessary)

Chris Hawkes, University of Saskatchewan

Thomas Lardner, University of Western Ontario

Silvana Micic, EXP

Derek Kinakin, BGC Engineering

Marc-Andre Brideau, BGC Engineering

Jordan Severin, SRK

Ehsan Ghazvinian, Queen's University

Chrysothemis Paraskevopoulou, Queen's University

Andy Corkum, BGC Engineering

Veronique Boivin, EXP

Section 3: Number of members

Executive members: 2+8

1st Choice members: 99

2nd Choice members: 263

Comments (point form)

- Updated as of August 21, 2015

Section 4: Division is affiliated with which other organizations

(Admin Manual Section 6 and App 10 and 26)

National affiliates: CARMA for the Rock Mechanics Division

CGS representatives

- Sam Proskin
- Jim Hazzard

North American affiliates (e.g. AEG for the Engineering Geology Division) and names of CGS representatives (list)

- John Tinucci (USA) for 2015
- Doug Stead (Canada) for 2016

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International affiliates (e.g. IGS for the Geosynthetics Division) and names of CGS representatives (list)

- Ferri Hassani—CARMA's representative

Comments (point form)

- Doug Stead is giving a keynote lecture at Eurock 2016-the August 2016 ISRM International Symposium, Turkey

Section 5: Finances—CARMA administered finances

As of (May 29, 2015)

Balance: \$61,325.51

Comments (point form)

- Grant of \$5000 to ISRM Montreal 2015
- Loan of \$5000 to ISRM Montreal 2015
- Grant for supporting qualified students attending ISRM Montreal 2015

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?

- Coordinating membership CGS-RMD renewals with CARMA and ISRM

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Section 7: Activities (point form)

- Hani Mitri is the 2015 recipient of the John. A. Franklin Award
- CARMA hosted the ISRM meeting in Montreal, May 2015
- At GeoRegina held a joint technical sessions with the Engineering Geology Division
- Requested a joint technical session with the Engineering Geology Division at GeoQuebec
- Thanks to the University of Alberta for scanning missing sets of rock mechanics proceedings (e.g., 4th, 5th, 7th, 10th, 15th and 16th Rock Mechanics Symposia). The proceedings with publisher's permission will be uploaded to the CARMA website where they will be available to RMD members.
- Conference call meeting June 2015

Section 8: Additional information or comments

2015 JA Franklin Award will be going to Hani Mitri, Eng., Ph.D., FCIM, Professor and Director of Mining, Department of Mining and Materials Engineering, McGill University.

Hani's particular emphasis on fault slip mechanics in an underground mining setting is an important contribution to the rock engineering community's ability to mine safely at depth.

The 2015 Award Committee was composed of Jean Hutchinson, Pete Stacy and R. Paul Young (all previous recipients of the JA Franklin Award).

ISRM Montreal, May 10, 2015 Meeting

ISRM council met in Montreal in conjunction with the 13th ISRM International Congress on Rock Mechanics organized by the Canadian ISRM National Group. Congratulations to Ferri Hassani, General Chair, and his team for their hard work that led to a successful conference.