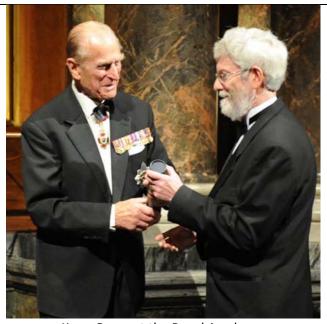


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Kerry Rowe at the Royal Academy of Engineering in London, page 5



ConeTec Graduate award, page 3.



Welcome to Kevin Mumford: In January 2010,

the centre welcomed its newest member, **Dr Kevin Mumford**, Assistant Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering at Queen's. Kevin trained at McMaster University, studying the impact of air bubbles on contaminated groundwater, work for which he received the **Governor General's Academic Gold Medal**. Kevin then spent 2009 as a postdoctoral researcher at UWO before accepting his faculty position at Queen's. Kevin adds expertise on three-fluid phase flow within porous media to our team of Groundwater experts, with potential for application to new developments in carbon sequestration and remediation of contaminated ground

Victor Milligan Lecture: Generous support from Golder Associates is allowing the

GeoEngineering Centre to host the **Victor Milligan Lecture Series** since 2009. This lecture series, honouring Dr Milligan and recognizing his many contributions to GeoEngineering in Canada and internationally, brings the Rankine and Terzaghi Lecturers to Kingston. Dr Milligan was one of the founders of Golder Associates, the first Editor of the Canadian Geotechnical Journal, and was himself the Thirty-Eighth Terzaghi Lecturer in 2002. The first Victor Milligan Lecture was presented by Mr Clyde Baker in November 2009. Mrs Milligan was in attendance, together with many former colleagues of Dr Milligan.



Dr Tom O'Rourke of Cornell University delivered the second Victor Milligan Lecture titled "Geohazards and Large Geographically Distributed Systems" on January 19th. Dr O'Rourke's lecture was based on his outstanding work on lifeline damage due to earthquakes, and described both his technical contributions and a systems view of the interacting issues affecting post-earthquake damage. Dr O'Rourke prepared and delivered this material in 2009 as the 49th Rankine Lecture for the British Geotechnical Association.



Professor Chris Clayton of the University of Southampton in the United Kingdom delivered the third Victor Milligan Lecture titled "Stiffness at small strain - research and practice" on September 29th. Dr Clayton's lecture was the 50th Rankine Lecture prepared and delivered earlier in 2010 for the British Geotechnical Association.



Dr Robert Holtz delivered the fourth Victor Milligan Lecture titled "Reinforced Soil Technology: From Experimental to the Familiar" on November 2. Bob Holtz, Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Washington in Seattle is the co-author or editor of 10 books and book chapters, including "An Introduction to Geotechnical Engineering" (with W. D. Kovacs, 1981), and was the 2010 Terzaghi Lecturer for the American Society of Civil Engineers.

CONETEC GRADUATE AWARD



Congratulations to MASc student Jon Foster, the first recipient of the ConeTec Graduate Award. This award, endowed by ConeTec Investigations Ltd, provides support to graduate students undertaking research related to cone testing or other geotechnical research topics.

Shown here is **David Woeller, PEng**, President of ConeTec, making the presentation. Jon is conducting a study on slope stability in the Ottawa Valley under the supervision of **Dr Andy Take**.

TUNNELING FIELD COURSE



Dr. Nicholas Vlachopoulos (cross-appointed to Queen's Geology from RMC) organized a very successful field course for the tunnelling students within the Queen's Geol/Geol Eng Dept. In collaboration with the National Technical University of Athens and the University of Thessaloniki (northern Greece), the 1 week course involved circumnavigating Greece and visiting tunnelling sites (road, rail, LRT) throughout the country in limestones, clays, gneiss, molassic rocks, flysch, phyllites, ophiolites, basement schists and fault zones. Tunnels in various construction stages facilitated student work including geological model construction, seismic hazard prediction, ground classification and tunnel design with presentations in the evenings. Particpants included Mark Diederichs and MSc students Connor Langford, Dani Delaloye, Anna Crockford, Colin Hume and Jeffrey Oke.

AWARDS AND OTHER HONOURS



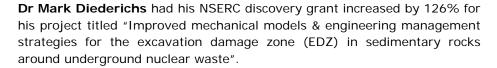
March 2010

Congratulations to Ms **Azadeh Hoor** who has won the **34th Annual Michael Bozozuk Student Forum**, a competition for graduate students at Carleton, Ottawa, Queen`s and RMC. Azadeh's presentation described part of her doctoral research work with **Dr Kerry Rowe**, examining how the longevity of leachate collection pipes is enhanced by active cooling to mitigate the high temperatures that can develop in landfills.



April 2010

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (**NSERC**) recently announced substantial increases in **Discovery Grant** funding to three Centre members.





Dr Kent Novakowski was given a 62% increase in his Discovery grant for his project titled "The role of the overburden-bedrock contact and upper bedrock properties in the recharge and contamination of shallow bedrock aquifers".

Dr Andy Take had his grant increased by 170% for his project titled "Effects of climate and climate change on the soil slopes of our natural and built environment".



Andy and Mark have also been awarded **Discovery Accelerator Supplements** of \$120,000 to boost their productivity even further over the next few years. These additional awards are exceptional, since these were two of only thirty awarded to all engineering scholars across Canada in 2010. Two other GeoEngineering team members already have these grants, so our team has a 25% success rate (the national success rate is 4%). Discovery Grants are a key source of research support to Engineering Scholars in Canada since they promote open enquiry into research problems deemed of interest to the recipients in a way that other project-specific funding cannot. The competition for these funds has become intense in recent years, and these extraordinary increases place the level of support for these three scholars well over the average for their peers across Canada, strengthening the high level of research funding won by our team.



May 2010

Congratulations to Mr. **Kazi Rahman** who won the annual graduate student poster competition at the **2010 NoDig conference** of the North American Society of Trenchless Technology, held in Chicago during May. His poster outlined part of his doctoral research on three dimensional analysis of pipe bursting, conducted under the supervision of **Drs. Richard Brachman** and **lan Moore**.



June 2010

The International Geosynthetics Society awarded Mr. **Saman Zarnani** (PhD candidate under the supervision of **Dr. Bathurst**) the **Young IGS Member Achievement Award** based on an international competition. This is an award that is given biennially to a young researcher under the age of 36 in the area of geosynthetics. It is very unusual for such a young person so early in their career to be recognized for outstanding technical contributions to the geosynthetics discipline.



Dr. Richard J. Bathurst was awarded the biennial International Geosynthetics Society Gold Medal Award for his technical contributions to the advancement of geosynthetics in earth retaining wall technologies.

Dr. Bathurst has now won this medal for an unprecedented third time. He was the first Canadian to receive the medal (1994), the first person to receive it twice (1998) and now the first person to receive it three times.



July 2010

Kerry Rowe was elected as Fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering in London, England. He is one of only six international Fellows, and the only Canadian, whose election was announced at the academy's annual general meeting in London on July 5. Kerry has previously been elected Fellow of both the Royal Society of Canada and the Canadian Academy of Engineering as well as professional societies in Canada, USA and Australia. This honour was bestowed by Prince Phillip at a ceremony in the UK in the Fall.



August 2010

Congratulations to **Mr. Jeffrey Oke** who has recently won multiple awards. He has recently been awarded the Alexander Graham Bell Canada Graduate Scholarships and NSERC Postgraduate Scholarship awarded to high-calibre scholars who are engaged in master's or doctoral programs in the natural sciences or engineering.

Upon his recent graduation from the Royal Military College of Canada he recently won the following awards: The W.M. Carleton Monk Memorial Scholarship, the J.F. Lott Award, the Navy League of Canada Prize, the Commander Arturo Prat Leadership Award, and the Randy Gregg Award of Canadian Interuniversity Sport. Jeffrey is currently enrolled in a Master's program under the supervision of **Dr. Nicholas Vlachopoulos**. We congratulate Jeff on his recent outstanding achievements and welcome him to our team.



Dr. Nicholas Vlachopoulos received grants from Department of National Defence Grants within the GeoEnvironmental field amounting to \$400K. This funding will, in part, support the ongoing graduate work of recent graduate students, **Ms. Tina Basso** (Queen's - Masters of Environmental Science) and **Mr. David Thebault** (RMC - Masters in Environmental Engineering). Congratulations to Dr. Vlachopoulos for his continued success and to Tina and David for their acceptance to their respective programs.



September 2010

Mr Saman Zarnani (PhD candidate under the supervision of **Dr. Bathurst**) won the annual graduate student competition of the Canadian Geotechnical Society, and presented his lecture titled "Application of EPS Geofoam for Seismic Buffers in Rigid Retaining Walls" at a plenary session at the 63rd Annual Canadian Geotechnical Conference in Calgary on Tuesday September 14th. Congratulations also to undergraduate student **Eric Wolinksky**, who received second place in the undergraduate competition for his thesis titled "Application of Digital Signal Processing to the Measurement of Landslide Acceleration Using PIV Image Analysis" (Civil Engineering, Queen's; Advisor, **Dr. Take**), and to **Jennifer Brown** and **Candice Cooney** who won second place for their group report titled "Mapping Heat Transfer of Gas and Leachate Production at Closed Landfill Sites" (Department of Geological Sciences and Geological Engineering at Queen's; Advisor Steven Rose).



Congratulations to **Dr Richard Brachman** for receiving the 2010 Geosynthetics Award of the Canadian Geotechnical Society. This award, made at the Canadian Geotechnical Conference in Calgary was awarded by the Geosynthetics Division of the CGS, in recognition of a number of Richard's recent contributions to Geosynthetics research and practice.



John Cholewa, Richard Brachman, and Ian Moore received an honourable mention for the R.M. Quigley Award, for their paper in the Canadian Geotechnical Journal in 2009 "Response of a polyvinyl chloride water pipe when transverse to an underlying pipe replaced by pipe bursting". This article reports on part of John's doctoral project on pipe installation using directional drilling and pipe bursting; it provides experimental evidence and a new design procedure for assessing the impact of pipe bursting on other pipe infrastructure.



December 2010

Dr Kerry Rowe has been awarded the Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Engineering, representing an investment of \$1.4M over the next seven years. Our society generates a wide range of wastes, including municipal, industrial, hazardous, nuclear and mine waste, and Dr Rowe's research focuses on the measures in place in waste-disposal sites to ensure environmental protection, recognizing that some of them can, and will, fail at some time. This appointment to a Tier 1 (Senior) Canada Research Chair recognizes his world-leading expertise in both geotechnical and geoenvironmental aspects of the environmental protection systems in waste-disposal sites, including covers, systems to collect garbage fluids, and liners. Whether the natural (e.g., soils, such as gravel) or manmade materials (e.g., plastics), his research is addressing the question of how long it will last and what happens if it fails. The Canada Research Chair program is funded by the Government of Canada "to attract and retain some of the world's most accomplished and promising minds" (see http://www.chairs-chaires.gc.ca/home-accueil-eng.aspx).



At the annual meeting of the Japan IGS Chapter in Tokyo on 2 December, **Dr. Bathurst** and his colleague Dr. Miyata at the National Defense Academy in Japan were awarded the 2010 TECHNICAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD of the IGS Japan Chapter for their work developing the K-stiffness Method for geosynthetic reinforced soil walls.

Systems Training and Education in Water Assets Research and Development - STEWARD

STEWARD is a collaborative NSERC CREATE graduate training program between Dalhousie University and Queen's University, which aims to contribute to the advancement of Buried Infrastructure Water Technologies. It involves GeoEngineering Centre members Ian Moore, Richard Brachman, Kerry Rowe, Greg Siemens, and Andy Take, with Queen's colleagues Yves Filion and Pascale Champagne, academic collaborators Craig Lake, Graham Gagnon and others at Dalhousie University, and industry (Halifax Water, Utilities Kingston, and Stantec). The \$1.65M program has four themes:

- A. Water Quality in Distribution Systems.
- B. Buried Pipe Infrastructure Design, Assessment and Repair
- C. Water Protection Issues Associated with Buried Infrastructure
- D. Sustainable Distribution and Collection System Design and Optimization

The objective is to offer new training experiences and opportunities for graduate students in a variety of Civil Engineering sub-disciplines associated with municipal water and waste water systems. Thirteen students are now participating.

Dr Craig Lake (Dalhousie) conducts a tour of their water quality laboratory for Dr Yves Filion (Queen's) during the recent visit for the first annual STEWARD colloquium.



Casey Station, the Commonwealth of Australia.

Design, construction and monitoring of experimental containment areas to be used for the treatment of fuel contaminated soil at Australia's Casey Station, Antarctica.

Rebecca McWatters

Postdoctoral Fellow, GeoEngineering Centre at Queen's-RMC

Supervised by R. Kerry Rowe

Professor and Canada Research Chair in Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Engineering

This research involves the design, construction and monitoring of experimental containment areas (biopiles) used for the treatment of hydrocarbon contaminated soil at Australia's Casey Station in Antarctica. This involves remediation of approximately 600m³ of soil contaminated by Special Antarctic Blend (SAB) diesel, ATK (aviation fuel) and other hydrocarbons. An aeration system within the biopile is used to extract hydrocarbons, while nutrient addition is added to enhance hydrocarbon degradation in the cold region environment. Research will be focused on the long-term performance of geosynthetics used in containment design to impede advective and diffusive contaminant migration (total hydrocarbons and volatile organic compounds). Geosynthetics include HDPE geomembranes, geocomposite clay liners (GCLs) and geotextiles. Contaminant migration through the barrier system will be monitored in the field using a system of monitoring pipes and sample extraction areas. Samples of the geomembranes, GCLs and geotextiles will be exhumed periodically to study changes in physical and diffusive properties with age and exposure to freeze-thaw conditions and cold region environments. This project is a collaboration between the Australian Antarctic Division of Kingston, Tasmania, Australia, Monash University, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia and Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada.





Liner construction in Antarctica

Rebecca installing sensors on the liner in Antarctica

NCHRP 15-38: Structural design requirements for culvert joints.

David Becerril (PhD Student), Yu Wang (MSc Student).

Supervised by **Ian Moore** in collaboration with **Halil Sezen** (Ohio State University)

Sponsor: The National Collaborative Highway Research Program of the Transportation Research Board (US Academy of Sciences) see http://144.171.11.40/cmsfeed/TRBNetProjectDisplay.asp?ProjectID=2510

Objectives: The objective of this research is to develop structural design requirements for joints in flexible and rigid culverts to withstand variations in construction, support, and loading conditions. These

requirements shall be suitable for consideration for adoption by the AASHTO Highway Subcommittee on Bridges and Structures. The work features field-scale testing in the GeoEngineering laboratory at Queen's, field testing in Ohio, and three dimensional finite element analyses.





Field testing in Ohio

David Becerril monitoring one of his experiments.







Jointed concrete, steel and HDPE pipes before burial and testing in the large test pit at West Campus.

2010 Graduates

The following GeoEngineers associated with the Centre have recently completed their training, and have moved on to the next phase of their career.

- Jennifer Kavalench, MSc, (supervisor Heather Jamieson) October 2010, AMEC, Mississauga
- Ryan Brunt, MES, (supervisor Heather Jamieson) April 2010, Agriculture Canada
- Zoey Walden, MES, (supervisor Heather Jamieson) December 2010, Canadian Energy Research Institute
- Müge Balkaya, PhD, (supervisor Ian Moore), March 2010, postdoctoral position at Istanbul Technical University
- Khaled Abdelatty, PhD, (supervisor Kerry Rowe) 2010, Assistant professor, Zagazig University, Egypt
- Rebecca McWatters, PhD, (supervisor Kerry Rowe) 2010, PDF Queen's University
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