

Introducing the Canadian Foundation for Geotechnique Website *(Submitted for Publication in Geotechnical News, December 2010)*

The Canadian Foundation for Geotechnique (the Foundation) is a registered charitable organization that works at arm's length from the Canadian Geotechnical Society (CGS) to recognize and foster excellence in the geotechnical field in Canada. It does so by, among other things, funding some of the CGS awards, prizes and lectures, and by offering a National Graduate Scholarship. In order to fulfill its mission, the Foundation relies on donations and interest-free loans from the geotechnical community – individuals, corporations, and the local sections and technical divisions of the CGS.

Over the past several years, the Foundation has developed a website. This brief article introduces the website to you.

The Foundation uses its website at www.cfg-fcg.ca to communicate information about its activities and events. Upcoming Cross-Canada Lecture Tours (CCLT) are listed on the *Upcoming Events* page. CCLT sponsors are recognized on the *Home* page, with links to the sponsor companies' websites. Recent articles prepared by the Foundation and its Annual Reports can be found on the *News* page.

The Foundation provides financial support for the CGS' awards and prizes, including the Legget Medal, the Geotechnical Colloquium, the many Technical Division Awards, and student prizes. Descriptions of these awards are posted on the *Awards and Prizes* page of the website. Recently, the Foundation introduced the National Graduate Scholarship, a \$5000 award presented each year to a deserving graduate student studying in the geotechnical or geoscience field at a Canadian university. Three scholarships have been awarded since the program was introduced in 2008. Information for graduate students wishing to apply for the scholarship can be found on the *Awards and Prizes* page.

A list of the Foundation's Trustees, as well as the Board of Directors and their contact information, are provided on the *Contact Us* page of the website.

Donations to the Foundation can be made by downloading the donation form found on the *How to Donate* page, and mailing the completed form with a cheque to the Foundation's Treasurer. Alternatively, donors can elect to include a donation to the Foundation when they register or renew their CGS membership through the Society's electronic registration.

Work is now progressing on the French website, with the intent being to have it completed in 2011.

If you would like to learn more about the Foundation and its activities, please visit the website at www.cfg-fcg.ca, or contact Doug VanDine at vandine@islandnet.com.