

New President for the Canadian Foundation for Geotechnique *(Published in Geotechnical News, September 2008)*

On July 1, 2008, Dr Tim Law stepped down as President of the Canadian Foundation for Geotechnique, and Mr Doug VanDine, the former Vice-President, has moved into the role of President. Dr Law remains on the Executive of the Board of Trustees as Past President, and Dr Mike Bozozuk, the former Past President, remains on the Executive as Special Advisor. A new Vice President has yet to be appointed.

Dr Tim Law, a Professor of Geotechnical Engineering at Carleton University, was President of the Foundation for 3½ years. Under his direction, the Foundation flourished. Among other accomplishments, the Canadian Foundation for Geotechnique National Graduate Scholarship was established, the monetary value of the CGS Canadian Geotechnical Colloquium Award was increased from \$2,500 to \$5,000, and the Foundation developed a website (www.cfg-fcg.ca).

“Tim has worked extremely hard over the past years to continue the good work that Mike began”, Doug VanDine said “and I’m very glad that both Tim and Mike are remaining on the Executive. I’ve got two tough acts to follow.”

Doug VanDine is a geological and geotechnical engineering consultant based in Victoria, BC. He has been on the Board of Trustees of the Foundation since 1999, and Vice President since 2005.

The history of the Canadian Foundation for Geotechnique dates back to 1970. It was established as a registered charitable organization “to recognize and foster excellence in the geotechnical field in Canada by funding the awards, prizes and distinguished lectures of the Canadian Geotechnical Society, and by funding other opportunities for the benefit of the profession”. It relies on donations and interest free loans from the entire Canadian geotechnical community.

Other current members of the Foundation’s Board of Trustees are Mike Bleakney (Ottawa – Secretary), David Harding (Carp – Treasurer), Ray Benson (Vancouver – Chair of the Investment Committee), Kevin Bigger (Edmonton), Jean-Marie Konrad (Quebec City), Henrik Kristiansen (Vancouver), Fred Matich (Toronto), Ryan Phillips (St John’s), Ahmad Shaheen (Toronto), Bachir Touileb (Montreal), Jean-Pierre Tournier (Montreal), and Arun Valsangkar (Fredericton).