DEEP FOUNDATIONS INSTITUTE

DFI is an international association of contractors, engineers, suppliers, academics and owners in the deep foundations industry. For more than 40 years, we have brought together professionals for networking, education, communication and collaboration. As part of our multi-disciplinary membership, you help create a consensus voice and a common vision for continual improvement in the planning, design and construction of deep foundations and excavations. You can actively participate in technical committees, educational programs and conferences, publications, research, government relations and outreach. Find common ground with 3,300 involved, knowledgeable and committed members worldwide.

DIVERSE MEMBERSHIP

DFI has a diverse membership that encompasses all disciplines and specialties that comprise deep foundations. Our membership spans the globe, representing more than 50 countries and 6 continents, as well as Regional Chapters in Europe, India and the Middle East.

WHAT MEMBERS SAY

“If you are interested in being part of a member-driven organization where everyone is involved, knowledgeable and committed to promoting the advancement of the deep foundations industry, you’ve found common ground.”
FIND COMMON GROUND WITH DFI

- An international consortium of contractors, engineers, owners, academics, equipment manufacturers and distributors, materials manufacturers and suppliers, and service providers
- A forum for networking with deep foundations professionals from around the world
- An alliance of disciplines working together to create a better informed, more communicative deep foundations industry
- A forum for discussion, inquiry and debate
- A technical association committed to gathering and disseminating practical information

- An initiator and participant in the practical application of research
- A publisher of committee developed and peer-reviewed guidelines, specifications and recommendations
- A publisher of technical paper proceedings from conferences and seminars
- A resource for identifying and locating specialists
- An advocate of the deep foundations industry to the public and government organizations
- A collaborative partner with other groups working on related goals

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Each fall, we hold our Annual Conference on Deep Foundations, a members’ meeting and technical conference in North America. As a DFI member you’ll join hundreds of professionals from around the world for technical presentations and committee meetings; an exhibition; social events; and networking with peers, clients and competitors. The Conference Proceedings are a valuable resource for every technical library.

We sponsor and manage international conferences worldwide, including one annually in India and one in Europe every four years. These events provide opportunities to share common interests with counterparts around the world, and gain global perspectives on the use and advances of deep foundations methods and technologies.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

Technical Committees are the backbone of DFI. They focus on the unique issues of major methods and technologies within deep foundations and excavation. We depend on DFI Technical Committees to keep members and the industry up to date with the state of practice through publications, guidance documents, peer review of papers, educational events and research funded by the DFI Committee Project Fund.

As a DFI member you can serve on one or more committees and participate in their activities.

- Augered Cast-In-Place Piles
- Codes and Standards
- Deep Foundations for Landslide / Slope Stabilization
- Drilled Shaft
- Driven Pile
- Ground Improvement
- Helical Piles and Tiebacks
- Manufacturers, Suppliers and Service Providers
- Marine Foundations
- Micropile
- Seismic and Lateral Loads
- Slurry Wall
- Soil Mixing
- Subsurface Characterization for Deep Foundations
- Sustainability
- Testing and Evaluation
- Tiebacks and Soil Nailing
- Women in Deep Foundations

WORKING GROUPS

DFI Working Groups address specific technical topics within the deep foundations industry that span a number of DFI Technical Committees.

- Electric Power Systems Foundations
- Energy Foundations
- Seepage Control

WHAT MEMBERS SAY

“Serving on a DFI Committee is an investment in the future of our industry. In return, you collaborate with exceptional people who share the same interest, expand your knowledge and effect change in your industry.”
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RESOURCES

Deep Foundations, the flagship publication of DFI, is created by the industry for the industry. The magazine has one goal — to keep members informed about the industry they themselves are shaping. Every issue informs readers of state-of-the-art projects; new techniques, products and technology; news on leading corporations and individuals; committee activities and upcoming events. The magazine also publishes guest editorials and regular columns from DFI’s leadership. The magazine is distributed bi-monthly to DFI members worldwide, as well as engineering libraries at several universities and colleges. Digital editions of recent issues are available on the DFI website.

DFI Journal is a peer-reviewed publication of high-quality papers related to the broad area of deep foundations engineering and construction. Papers are welcome on topics of interest to the geoprofessional community related to all systems designed and constructed for the support of heavy structures and excavations. The publication is a milestone in our ongoing effort to be the information resource for design and construction of foundations and excavations, and helps position DFI and its members as authorities in the industry. Electronic access to the Journal is a benefit of membership.
DFI of India Newsletter is published by the DFI of India Chapter. This quarterly eNewsletter provides information on ongoing activities and events along with brief case histories, product news and membership updates.

The DFI website — www.dfi.org — has more than 20,000 visitors each month, making your corporate membership listing accessible to the thousands of people who turn to the website to find deep foundation experts. Our website is also a current and relevant resource for you — with news, event information, committee information, member resources, access to Deep Foundations magazine, an online publications store and access to MyDFI — a member-only portal. As an extension of the website, DFI provides its members with connectivity through Facebook and LinkedIn.

OneMine.org is an online library where DFI members have free, unlimited access to more than 110,000 technical papers from the mining, tunneling and deep foundations communities. DFI continually adds its publication documents to OneMine including proceedings, technical manuals, reference documents and magazine technical articles.

**WHAT MEMBERS SAY**

“DFI’s online resources have proved invaluable to me in the office and on the jobsite — connecting me with the right suppliers and contractors for any deep foundations project, delivering relevant papers on foundation technologies, and directing me and my staff to continuing education opportunities.”
AWARDS

The Outstanding Project Award recognizes the superior work of DFI members. Each year, a project is chosen from several deep foundation and excavation projects nominated by DFI membership.

The Distinguished Service Award is presented to an individual who has made significant contributions to the advancement of the deep foundations industry. The DSA winner is selected from member-nominated candidates.

The C. William Bermingham Innovation Award recognizes innovative contributions to deep foundation technology and honors the pioneering spirit of Bill Bermingham, DFI past president, and his contributions to DFI and the deep foundations industry.

The Ben C. Gerwick Award for Innovation in the Design and Construction of Marine Foundations recognizes innovation in the marine foundation industry and honors the spirit of Ben C. Gerwick and his phenomenal contribution to the marine foundation industry as a contractor, educator and construction engineer.

The DFI Legends Award honors three practitioners — an engineer, contractor and manufacturer/supplier — who have made significant contributions and advancements to the research, design, construction, manufacturing and use of deep foundations.
DFI EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The DFI Educational Trust benefits all members by promoting and supporting the education of promising young engineers to lead the industry in the future. An independent charitable foundation, the Trust's goal is to enable better industry-academia communications, promote the construction industry to students, and provide professional education opportunities within the deep foundations industry. The Trust provides student scholarships, promotes awareness of careers, and provides financial support for educational programs and student activities. Under the guidance of the Trust, student chapters have been formed at the University of California at Berkeley, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, City College of New York, University of Missouri and American University Dubai.

The Trust manages several scholarship programs funded by endowments, donations and fundraising events. In addition, The Trust organizes the annual Student and Young Professor Paper Competitions, Osterberg Memorial Lecture, Hal Hunt Lecture and a professional development grant for Women in Deep Foundations. The Trust also collaborates in the ACE Mentor Program. The Trust programs are made possible by DFI member and industry participation at annual fundraising events.

WHAT MEMBERS SAY

"With the growth of DFI student chapters, more of our members can be involved with engineering students on the campus level. If you are interested in mentoring engineering students, the Trust will give you that opportunity."
CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

Corporate Memberships are available in varying classes based on the type, location and size of an organization. Each DFI Corporate Member organization, regardless of class, is represented by two employees, designated as DFI Corporate Member Representatives. Larger Corporate Member organizations can name additional employees as Corporate Individual Members. In addition, several discounted memberships are offered.

- **Affiliate Corporate Membership** allows multiple-office Corporate Member organizations to illustrate their geographical diversity by registering branch and/or affiliate offices as Corporate Members with their own website listing and representatives. The Affiliate must share the same name as the parent Corporate Member organization.

- **Noncommercial Corporate Membership** allows noncommercial organizations such as government agencies, associations, societies and union organizations to join DFI with their own website listing and representatives.

- **Sustaining Membership** is reserved for Corporate Members who contribute to a special Sustaining Membership Fund managed by the DFI Educational Trust for the purpose of furthering DFI’s educational goals.

Become a member today. Join Now! Go to www.dfi.org.

WHAT MEMBERS SAY

“DFI members challenge themselves and others on a daily basis. They dig deep into industry issues and provide solutions. They don’t wait for things to happen, they make them happen. Because of this strong commitment to initiate change, they are recognized as leaders and have increased their own value in the deep foundations industry. You can be part of this organization.”
INDIVIDUAL AND STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

Practitioners can join DFI as independent Individual Members to keep abreast of developments in deep foundations and play an important role in contributing to the consensus voice of DFI. Students can join for free and take advantage of the many benefits DFI offers. Several discounted individual memberships are offered.

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- **Corporate Member Employee Individual Membership** allows employees of registered Corporate Member organizations to join DFI.
- **Government Employee Individual Membership** allows public sector employees including federal, state and municipal agencies to join DFI.
- **Emeritus Individual Membership** is reserved for individuals who have been DFI members, either as Representatives of Corporate Members or as Individual Members for a minimum of 10 continuous years, have reached the age of 65 and retired from full-time employment.
- **Student Individual Membership** is allowed for students enrolled in a deep foundations-related curriculum.

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