

Tiebacks and Soil Nailing Committee

On February 24, 2011, the Tiebacks and Soil Nailing Committee participated in a joint seminar with the Geotechnical Society of Edmonton and the DFI Committee on Deep Foundations for Landslides/Slope Stabilization on “Current Topics in Soil Nailing/Tiebacks and Landslide Stabilization Practices.” Thanks to Mary Ellen Bruce, P.E. and Katie Criqui of DFI, and fellow DFI members who presented an excellent, cooperative program with our colleagues in Edmonton.

The committee is actively discussing new initiatives to continue advancing its segment of the earth retention and ground anchor industry. Topic areas currently being considered are the state of practice for removable tieback and soil nail anchors and an analytical study on the limitations of the two-dimensional force equilibrium method for soil nail wall analysis. We are also looking for input from DFI members and the

industry in general. Send us your suggestions, and you might plant the seed for a new research direction or industry contribution by the committee.

After our hugely successful Phoenix seminar in May 2010, the committee is enthusiastic about continuing to offer high levels of technology transfer and education to the industry. We are in the planning stages for a joint seminar with the ADSC Anchored Earth Retention Committee to be held in 2012. By harnessing the technical resources of both committees, we hope to offer a state-of-the-art and state-of-the-practice educational experience that covers every aspect of the temporary and permanent earth retention industry. Stay tuned for future announcements as we develop an exciting multi-day program.



The committee would like to remind all DFI members, and others in the construction and engineering industry, that the

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First Edition of the *Soil Nailing Guide Specification* (2010) is available for purchase through DFI's website. This document represents the state of the practice in specifying soil nail walls for private-sector projects, and was authored and reviewed by experts in the construction and design fields.

Finally, for those of you who would like to join the committee, please contact DFI headquarters. We hope to see you at our next formal committee meeting at the 36th Annual Conference in Boston in October.