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### **DEEP FOUNDATIONS INSTITUTE HAL HUNT LECTURE 2009**

July 20, 2009 Hawthorne, NJ: DFI is pleased to announce that Dr. Jean-Louis Briaud, P.E., D. GE., Professor and Holder of the Spencer J. Buchanan Chair, Zachry Department of Civil Engineering, Texas A&M University (TAMU) will deliver the Hal W. Hunt Memorial Lecture at the Deep Foundations Institute's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Deep Foundations being held this year in Kansas City, MO from October 21<sup>st</sup> through October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The title of Professor Briaud's lecture is "**Technical Communications – Humor and Philosophy**". Briaud offers an unusual perspective regarding communication. He was born and educated in France, and did not speak much English when he came to North America 37 years ago for graduates studies in geotechnical engineering.

Dr. Briaud received his BSCE from the prestigious Ecole des Travaux Pulics in Paris, France, his M.S. in Geotechnical Engineering from the University of New Brunswick, Canada and his doctorate from the University of Ottawa, Canada. He has delivered lectures at MIT, Berkeley and the University of Florida as an invited speaker. His teaching and research focuses on bridge scour, slope stability, highway embankments, oil tank foundations, deep foundations, shallow foundations, docking facilities, tunnels, pressuremeter testing onshore and offshore.



He has given more than 150 lectures around the world and has received numerous awards for his work including the 2007 Ralph B. Peck Lecture Award from ASCE, the Halliburton Award of Excellence from TAMU in 1985, and the Hogentogler Award from the American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) in 1981. Some of the professional societies Dr. Briaud participates in include ASCE where he is the current president of its Geo-Institute, as well as the International Society of Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE) where he is a candidate for the position of president, the Canadian Geotechnical Society (CGS) and the U.S. Association of Geotechnical Professors (USUCGER).

The annual Hal Hunt Lecture was established in 1989 to recognize notable communicators in the Deep Foundations Industry. It was named in honor of Hal W. Hunt, one of the initial organizers of DFI, a trustee on the first DFI Board and first Executive Director. Dr. Briaud's presentation is scheduled for Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> following the Annual Members' Business Meeting Luncheon. A complete list of past lecturers can be found on DFI's website under About DFI on the Hal Hunt Lecture page.

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