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DFI Middle East Committee Established

February 19, 2010, Hawthorne, NJ: DFI's Board of Trustees announces the formation of a Middle East Committee. Following a successful joint summit on Piling and Deep Foundations presented on February 1-2, 2010 in Dubai, U.A.E., interest in DFI's mission and purpose prompted the establishment of this new committee. The summit was programmed by Deep Foundations Institute and the Dubai Technology and Media Free Zone Authority and organized and managed by IQPC, the International Quality & Productivity Center.



Ribbon cutting ceremony at opening of the summit in Dubai

Mamdouh Nasr, M.Eng. P.Eng., member of DFI since 2004 and currently the U.A.E. General Manager for Implenia Global Solutions Ltd., has been appointed the committee chairman and Khaldoun Fahoum of Langan Engineering & Environmental Services was selected to serve as the vice chair. The steering committee will consist of government officials, engineering firm representatives and contractors. The committee will also actively seek participation from the local deep foundation manufacturing community to round out the committee's membership. A complete list of committee members can be found at www.dfi.org.

The committee will meet in the coming months to establish their purpose/mission statement, but they are quickly beginning their activities with two educational events sponsored under the committee's purview as educating the local industry community on the various deep foundation techniques available has been recognized as an immediate need. On March 14 and 15 a Workshop on Combined Pile Raft Foundations and Geothermics will be presented in Dubai with attendance also expected from nearby Abu Dhabi. The second event will be a seminar or conference in Beirut.

In addition to the formation of this committee as part of DFI's international outreach efforts already in effect in Europe and the Far East, the early February summit spawned over 100 new DFI members and attracted over 200 industry personnel worldwide from the U.A.E., Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Lebanon, Egypt, Australia, China, Nigeria, Germany, Italy, Turkey, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Sweden, Finland, Austria, the Netherlands and the United States.

Anyone interested in being part of the Middle East committee should contact DFI headquarters at staff@dfi.org.