



The Deep Foundations Institute is a not-for-profit association of contractors, engineers, manufacturers, suppliers, owners and academia.

DFI's membership promotes understanding and advancement of the deep foundations & excavations construction industry through conferences, publications, and community.

The technical committees, Augered Cast-In-Place Pile, Drilled Shaft, Driven Pile, Helical Foundations & Tiebacks, Marine Foundation, Micropiles, Seismic and Lateral Loads, Slurry Wall, Soil Mixing, Testing and Evaluation, and Tiebacks & Soil Nailing provide industry leadership for these foundation systems, through the publication of Guides, Specifications and References and by providing educational programs.

The membership is international.

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### DFI 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Members' Meeting and Conference

The Deep Foundations Institute will be holding its 30th Annual Members' Meeting and Conference on Deep Foundations in Chicago, Illinois, USA on September 22-24, 2005. The Fairmont Chicago, located in the downtown area rising above Millennium Park and the famous Chicago waterfront, is the venue for the meeting. The conference will consist of four half-day sessions of technical presentations as follows:

- **Session I** – Driven Piles & Earth Retention
- **Session II** – Drilled Shafts & Ground Improvement
- **Session III** – Bored Piles & Special Topics
- **Session IV** – Earth Retention & Driven Piles

In addition there will be a Keynote Lecture by Dr. Jean-Louis Briaud, P.E. of Texas A&M University on "Scour of Deep Foundations" and the annual Hal Hunt Lecture on "Communications" by Stan Kaderbek, City of Chicago's Commissioner of Buildings. DFI's third annual Student Paper Competition winner, Emre Biringen of University of Wisconsin-Madison, will present his winning paper during Session II on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and the winner of DFI's 1st Young Professor Paper Award, Monica Prezzi of Purdue University, will present her winning submission during Session IV on Saturday.

The Annual Awards Banquet on Friday evening will honor both the 2005 Distinguished Service Award winner and the 2005 Outstanding Project Award recipient, who will present their project case history. This year's meeting will conclude with an optional Architectural-Deep Foundations Boat Tour on the Chicago River and Lake Michigan where attendees will receive a guided tour to include architectural information as well as historical, technical, comical, tragic and other interesting facts about the foundations of the buildings and bridges visible from the river or lake.

Preceding the conference on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, two technical committees will present short courses. From 8AM – 4:30PM will be a course on Augered Cast-in-Place Piles by DFI's committee on the subject while the DFI-ADSC Joint Micropile Committee presents a short course on the developments in design and construction of micropiles from 8AM – 5PM. Also on Thursday morning, prior to the opening of the conference, DFI offers the High Strain Dynamic Pile Testing Examination for interested parties, as well as the meetings of DFI's 11 technical committees. Throughout the conference attendees can visit the 48 exhibit booths provided by DFI Corporate Member companies. For the complete program and a list of exhibitors, visit the conference website at [www.deepfoundations05.org](http://www.deepfoundations05.org).

The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to promote the understanding of deep foundations design and construction by providing a forum for the industry regardless of commercial or professional affiliation. A committee local to the region has coordinated this fresh program of presentations with local flavor and global technology.

Further information may be obtained by contacting DFI at their headquarters in Hawthorne, New Jersey.