DFI Announces 2015 Osterberg Memorial Lecturer

Frank Rausche, Ph.D., P.E., of ADSC Technical Affiliate Member, GRL Engineers, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, has been selected as the DFI 2015 Osterberg Lecturer. The lecture will take place on Thursday, March 19, 2015, 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m., during the International Foundations Congress and Equipment Expo (IFCEE) at the JW Marriott Hill Country Resort and Spa in San Antonio, Texas.

Dr. Rausche's talk, "Load Testing of Deep Foundations: Developments, Applications, Results," explores various load testing methods, their relative cost, benefits and limitations, and will attempt to explain how these testing methods can lead to a successful project.

Dr. Rausche is the founder and principal of GRL Engineers, Inc., and was its President from 1977 to 2011. He received the 2000 Civil Engineer of the Year Award and the 2009 G. Brooks Earnest Award from the Cleveland Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the 2003 Distinguished Service Award from DFI. Dr. Rausche developed the CAPWAP and GRLWEAP programs, holds five patents and has had more than 50 papers published in journals and conference proceedings.

DFI's Annual Osterberg Memorial Lecture and Award was established in honor of ADSC Honorary Technical Affiliate Emeritus Dr. Jorj O. Osterberg, one of the true pioneers of geotechnical engineering, to recognize innovations in deep foundations construction related to engineering design, testing or education, and is supported by Loadtest, Inc. Dr. Osterberg, now deceased was instrumental in bringing a variety of innovations that positively impacted the drilled foundation industry.