

# 2009 G. Brooks Earnest Technical Lecture Award



Frank Rausche, PhD, PE, has been awarded the 2009 G. Brooks Earnest Technical Lecture Award by the Cleveland Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). Dr. Rausche is president of GRL Engineers, Inc, a partner in Pile Dynamics, Inc. (PDI), and a founder of both companies. He is a prominent researcher and one of the early pioneers of the field of Dynamic Testing of Deep Foundations and Wave Equation Analysis of Pile Driving.

The prestigious GBE award was established by the Cleveland Section in honor of G. Brooks Earnest, who was its president in 1943, National President of ASCE in 1962, and President of Fenn College from 1952 until the formation of Cleveland State University in 1964. The award is presented yearly to an outstanding individual of prominence in the field of Civil Engineering. Previous recipients include Ralph Peck, T. William Lambe, Elio D'Appolonia, Gerald A. Leonards, James K. Mitchell, George Goble, T.Y. Lin and many other distinguished engineers.

"In the last few years, I have been traveling all over the world; and whether it is in China (where thousands of piles are being driven each month), India, Latin America or Europe, names like Pile Dynamics, CAPWAP, GRL, keep being mentioned. Frank (...) is spreading knowledge and knowhow developed here in Cleveland all over the world; and his techniques are being used every day" said Dr. Adel (Tony) Saada, Professor and former Chair of the Civil Engineering department at Case Western Reserve University and himself a previous GBE recipient. Dr. Saada continued by highlighting the name recognition of the methods Frank Rausche originally developed at Case Western and later took to market through GRL and PDI - "In the area of deep foundations they (GRL and Pile Dynamics) are the equivalent of our Cleveland Orchestra. Does this sound lyrical? Maybe! But it is true."

Dr. Rausche will deliver the Technical Lecture in Cleveland this Fall.

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