

May 20, 2014

Newport Beach Conference Summary

Record Number of Attendees!

By: Danny Cohen/President



This year's conference garnered the best attendance numbers we have seen in many years, and we can attribute this to several factors, including an improving economy, an easily accessible location, and very high quality speakers. We also had a large number of single-day event attendees, numerous affiliate members attending and exhibiting, a record number of student attendees, and a larger than usual number of non-member attendees. Many thanks to Executive Director Marsha Myers for all the hard work she put in to make this event spectacular, as well as her assistant Laverna Hubbard, quietly working in the background. Also special thanks to our generous sponsors, to the Conference Committee members David Hamilton and Larry Taylor for putting together a first class agenda with great speakers, and to the entire CalGeo Board of Directors and Member Firms who make this event special. [For the complete article, click here](#)

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Upcoming Events

June Regional Meetings "Seismic Design With The 2012 IBC and ASCE 7-10"



David Baska, Ph.D.,
P.E., G.E., C.E.G.

The new building code incorporates some significant changes from the 2009 International Building Code (2010 California Building Code). At our June Regional Meetings, David Baska, of Terracon Consultants, will discuss the seismic provisions of the new code with a geotechnical engineer's perspective and share his experience with implementing the provisions into practice.

There will be two dinner meetings, Santa Ana on June 10 ([Click here for event info](#)) and Sacramento on June 11 ([Click here for event info](#)). Our website contains the registration documents and the ability to prepay online. We also have a special student rate. If you reserve a spot, you may also pay at the door the night of the event.

Registration deadline is June 4.

UCLA 6th Annual Geo-Expo

Interested in forming and cultivating a relationship with the UCLA Geotechnical Engineering department? Then don't miss the UCLA CalGeo Student Chapter & Geo Institute Graduate Student Organization 6th Annual Geo-Expo!

The event will take place on Friday, May 30, 2014, from 4:30-8:30 p.m. at UCLA, and will include a formal dinner along with presentations from professors and students, a poster session of Ph.D. students' work, and a keynote presentation from geotechnical engineer and industry leader Marty Hudson of AMEC. The Geo-Institute Graduate Student Organization at UCLA will also be honoring graduating M.S. and Ph.D. students and will be presenting awards to outstanding students. Please see the [attached flyer](#) for details about registration and location.

RSVPs can be sent to calgeobruins@gmail.com by Friday, May 23, 2013. Upon RSVP, you will be provided directions and complimentary parking, as well as additional information on the presentations for the evening.

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Advancing An Environment Of Professionalism

*By: Scott David Rudd PMP - Senior Project Manager
Calgeo Individual Member*

The work of the technician is critical to the geotechnical community. Decisions are made every day by engineers with responsible charge that are based on the results of their work. They typically have the least amount of formal education but still need to maintain a level of professionalism on par with the licensed staff they represent. The [attached article](#) by Scott Rudd entitled "Advancing an Environment of Professionalism" encourages training and development that addresses potential problems. You can also read more on his personal website at sdrudd-geo.com.

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Technique to Stabilize Base Soils at Highway Overpass

By: EagleLIFT



The Patented URETEK Deep Injection process was used by local Railway & Highway Authorities to void fill and stabilize suspected weak base soils along one of its highway overpass structures. The project manager's proactive approach and willingness to embrace new technology allowed EagleLIFT to work with company officials to address the issues at hand. [Click here to read complete article.](#)

Member News

Neil O. Anderson and Associates and Terracon Join Forces to Expand and Enhance Service Offerings to Clients in Northern California

LODI, Calif. --- Neil O. Anderson and Associates is pleased to announce that it is joining forces with Terracon Consultants, Inc.

Founded in 1991, Neil O. Anderson and Associates is a geotechnical, environmental, and materials testing engineering firm specializing in energy sector, geotechnical instrumentation, geophysical methods, federal highway sector, and aquatic facility design services to private and public sector clients. They have additional offices located in Sacramento and Concord, CA.

"For more than 20 years, clients have come to depend on our responsiveness, expertise, and quality of services," said Neil Anderson, P.E., CEO of Neil O. Anderson and Associates. "We are excited to be joining forces with Terracon and continue to expand that high level of service."

Terracon is retaining close to 60 employees and will continue operations as Neil O. Anderson and Associates, a Terracon Company.

"Joining with Neil O. Anderson and Associates adds to our expertise and enhances our current service offerings to clients in California and nationwide," said David Gaboury, P.E., president and CEO of Terracon. "The depth of their expertise will bring even greater value to our clients. We are pleased to have them become a part of Terracon."

Terracon is an employee-owned engineering consulting firm with more than 3,000 employees providing environmental, facilities, geotechnical, and materials services from more than 140 offices in 40 states nationwide. Terracon currently ranks 38th on Engineering News-Record's List of Top 500 Design Firms. For additional information about Terracon, please visit: www.terracon.com

Take Advantage of our NEW Member Benefits Program

If you haven't signed up yet for Business AdvantEdge you're missing out on a great member benefit. To learn more about these programs and to sign up for CalGeo member benefits, please visit the [CalGeo MarketPlace](#). Note: On your first visit to the MarketPlace, please register as a "New Member" to set up your user name and password.



For a Quick Overview and expedited enrollment, [please visit Program Enrollment](#).

Job Board

Visit our [website](#) for the latest information on current positions available throughout the industry, including:

- ◆ Entry Level Field Geologist with American Geotechnical
- ◆ Hydrogeologist with Wallace-Kuhl & Associates
- ◆ Engineering Geologist with Wallace-Kuhl & Associates
- ◆ Staff Geologist with TerraPacific Consultants, Inc.

If you're LOOKING for help throughout the year, we also have a number of resumes on our website at <http://www.calgeo.org/job-board/current-resumes.php>.

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