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CFG/FCG HELPS CELEBRATE THE 60TH CANADIAN GEOTECHNICAL CONFERENCE, AND 30 YEARS SINCE THE 1ST CANADIAN GEOTECHNICAL COLLOQUIUM

Dr. Tim Law, President of the Canadian Foundation for Geotechnique (La foundation canadienne de géotechnique), is pleased to announce the launching of the *Canadian Foundation for Geotechnique National Graduate Scholarship*. The scholarship is being introduced at this time to help celebrate the diamond anniversary of the Canadian Geotechnical Conference being held at the Westin Hotel in Ottawa, ON, October 21 to 24.

The Scholarship has a value of \$5,000. Any Canadian or permanent resident, entering or registered in a Canadian university Masters or PhD program that is directly related to an identified field of geotechnique, is eligible. Programs includes geotechnical engineering, geological engineering, mining engineering, geoenvironmental engineering or geoscience, engineering geology and hydrogeology. Nominees must have a high academic standing and be active, or show leadership, in the geotechnical community. Preference will be given to those with practical experience.

“One of the objectives of the Canadian Foundation for Geotechnique is to support activities that recognize geotechnical excellence in Canada. The Board of Trustees could think of no better way of achieving this objective than to institute a national graduate scholarship”, says Dr Law.

Nominations for the Scholarship are to be made by graduate supervisors to the Canadian Geotechnical Society’s Awards Committee by the first of June. The first scholarship will be awarded at the 2008 Canadian Geotechnical Conference, in Edmonton, AB, in September 2008.

In addition to the 60th anniversary of the Canadian Geotechnical Conference, it was 30 years ago this year that the first Canadian Geotechnical Colloquium was presented at a Canadian Geotechnical Conference. The colloquium is awarded annually to a ‘younger’ member of the Canadian geotechnical community, who is given the honour of making a presentation at the Canadian Geotechnical Conference on a topic of particular interest and importance to the Canadian geotechnical community.

Since it’s inception in 1977, the honour of the colloquium has been accompanied by a \$2,500 honorarium from the Canadian Foundation for Geotechnique. To mark the 30-year milestone, Dr. Law is pleased to announce, “The Foundation’s Board of Trustees has approved an increase in the colloquium honorarium to \$5,000, beginning in 2008.”

The Canadian Foundation for Geotechnique, a registered charitable organization, was established in 1970, as the Canadian Geotechnical Fund, to recognize and foster excellence in the geotechnical field in Canada. For more information on the scholarship, the colloquium or the Foundation, check out www.cfg-fcg.ca or contact:

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