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Annual Chair Report from September, 2007 to August, 2008***

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**Introduction**

This annual report is a summary of the activities of the Vancouver Geotechnical Society (VGS), a local section of the Canadian Geotechnical Society (CGS), for the period September 1, 2007 to August 30, 2008. The VGS has a very active and lively membership from the Greater Vancouver and surrounding areas.

**Executive Committee**

The 2007-2008 executive committee of the VGS consisted of the following members:

Chair:	John Richmond, Golder Associates Ltd.
Past-Chair:	Mahmoud Elbanna, Conetec Investigations Ltd.
Program Director:	Stuart Hrysio, Trow Associates Inc.
Secretary:	David Regehr, Thurber Engineering Ltd.
Treasurer:	Marc Bosse, Trow Associates Inc.
Registrar:	Chris Williams, Golder Associates Ltd
Web Manager:	Vacant (Duties carried out by John Richmond)
CGS Director:	Mustapha Zergoun, Thurber Engineering Ltd.

**Awards and Achievements**

- The 2008 VGS Award, which recognizes members of the VGS for their significant contribution to the Vancouver Geotechnical Community, was presented on May 30, 2008 at the 18<sup>th</sup> One-Day VGS Symposium to Mr. Peter Lighthall, P.Eng.
- The VGS donated \$5,000 to the Canadian Foundation for Geotechnique in support of the CFFG National Graduate Scholarship initiative.
- There were no applications for financial support to assist in attending the 61<sup>st</sup> Canadian Geotechnical Conference and 9<sup>th</sup> Joint CGS/IAH-CNC Groundwater Conference (GeoEdmonton08).
- A VGS committee provided input, as requested by the BC Ministry of Environment, towards a new Phase 2 portion of the Groundwater Protection Regulation in BC.

**Membership Information**

The VGS had 157 paid members and 13 life members for the 2007–2008 year. New life member Mr. Peter Lighthall receives a lifetime membership in the VGS with his VGS Award.

**Activities**

The VGS executive committee met approximately once a month to organize technical presentations and social events. Generally, the executive meetings took place immediately before each monthly technical presentation. Attendance at the technical presentations varied



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from about 40 to over 100 members. The Executive also maintained regular ties with other geotechnical groups in British Columbia and Washington State. Notices of upcoming events held by other similar local organizations were distributed to all VGS members in addition to notices of VGS events.

**Technical Presentations:**

The 2007-2008 meetings were as follows:

September 19, 2007

"Geotechnical Design Guidelines for Buildings on Liquefiable Sites in Accordance with the 2005 National Building Code for Greater Vancouver Region - 2007 Task Force Report" by Don Anderson, Peter Byrne, Ernest Naesgaard, Dharma Wijewickrama et al.

November 01, 2007

"Simplified Procedures for Estimating Earthquake-Induced Deviatoric Slope Displacements" by Jonathan D. Bray

November 13, 2007

"Engineered Soils: Different Products for Different Applications" by Gregory E. Halsted

December 07, 2007

"Critical State Soil Mechanics for Dummies" 2007 Fall Cross Canada Lecture Tour by Paul W. Mayne

January 22, 2008

"SPT-LPT Correlation with Consideration of Grain Size Effects" by Chris R. Daniel

February 27, 2008

"Assessment of the Liquefaction Susceptibility of Fine-grained Soils" by Rodolfo Sancio

April 29, 2008

"Measurement Techniques and Prediction Tools for the Unsaturated Hydraulic Properties of Stiff and Compressible Materials" 2008 Spring Cross Canada Lecture Tour by Michel Aubertin

May 30, 2008

18<sup>th</sup> One-day Symposium: "Risk and Liability in Geotechnical Engineering"

Keynote Address: "Risk Assessment and Public Policy: The Other Side of the Wall" by Steven Vick

**Executive Meetings:**

Additional Executive member meetings were held on the following dates:

April 1, April 29, May 27, July 3, and September 10, 2008



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**Financial Status**

The VGS's operating budget is primarily funded by event corporate sponsorships and profits from symposia, technical short courses and conferences. In 2008, the VGS deposited \$50,000 into a high interest savings account with ING Direct. The Royal Bank account was maintained as the chequing account for routine operations. Table 1 (attached) provides a more detailed financial summary for the 2007/2008 year.

Opening bank balance: \$83,936.87 (Royal Bank)

Income:	\$5979.71
Expenditures:	\$26,815.74
Closing bank balance:	
Royal Bank:	\$12,626.26
ING:	\$50,474.58
Total:	\$63,100.84

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Chair Vancouver Geotechnical Society (2007/2008)

# VANCOUVER GEOTECHNICAL SOCIETY

Income Statement from August 27, 2007 to August 22, 2008

Compiled by Marc C. Bossé, VGS Treasurer

**Opening Cash Balanace** **\$83,936.87**

## Revenue

Membership Dues and Dinners	\$3,519.88
Interest (Royal Bank)	\$5.83
Interest (ING)	\$472.58
Deposits relating to 06/07 activities	\$1,579.42
Misc.	\$400.00
	<u><u>\$5,977.71</u></u>

## Expenses

VGS Meetings		
	General	\$8,134.61
	Executive	\$1,638.74
Speaker's Gifts		\$306.99
CGS Lecture and Honorariums		\$900.00
Expenses relating to 06/07 activites		\$2,603.56
VGS Symposium Seed Money - Returns from Symposium are known but will be carried on 08/09 Summary		\$5,818.75
Geotechnical Scholarship Donation		\$5,000.00
Sponsorship		\$600.00
Misc.		\$1,506.19
Internet Hosting		\$270.00
Bank Service Charges		\$37.50
		<u><u>\$26,816.34</u></u>

## Year End Closing Balance

Royal Bank	\$12,626.26
ING	\$50,474.60
	<u><u>\$63,100.86</u></u>

