



# FINDING COMMON GROUND







## DEEP FOUNDATIONS INSTITUTE

DFI is an international association of contractors, engineers, suppliers, academics and owners in the deep foundations industry. For more than 30 years, we have brought together professionals for networking, education, communication and collaboration. As part of our multi-disciplinary membership, you help create a consensus voice and a common vision for continual improvement in the planning, design and construction of deep foundations and excavations. You can actively participate in technical committees, educational programs and conferences, publications, research, government relations and outreach. Find common ground with over 3,000 involved, knowledgeable and committed members worldwide.

## A GLOBAL FOCUS

DFI has an international membership with representation from more than 50 countries and 6 continents, as well as Regional Chapters in Europe, India, and the Middle East. We will continue our global outreach so that DFI members gain knowledge about foundation design and construction issues worldwide; making you a better informed professional and a global industry contributor.

## WHAT MEMBERS SAY

*"If you are interested in being part of a member-driven organization where everyone is involved, knowledgeable and committed to promoting the advancement of the deep foundations industry, you've found common ground."*

## FIND COMMON GROUND. BECOME A MEMBER OF DFI

- An international consortium of contractors, engineers, owners, academics, equipment manufacturers and distributors, and materials manufacturers and suppliers
- A forum for networking with deep foundations professionals from around the world
- An alliance of disciplines working together to create a better informed, more communicative deep foundations industry
- A forum for discussion, inquiry and debate
- A technical association committed to gathering and disseminating practical information
- An initiator and participant in the practical application of research
- A publisher of committee developed and peer-reviewed guidelines, specifications and recommendations
- A publisher of technical paper proceedings from conferences and seminars
- A resource for identifying and locating foundation specialists
- An advocate of the deep foundations industry to the public and government organizations
- A collaborative partner with other groups working on related goals







## COMMITTEES

Technical Committees are the backbone of DFI. It is their role to focus on the unique issues of major methods and technologies within deep foundations and excavation. We depend on DFI Technical Committees to keep members and the industry up to date with the state of practice through publications, guidance documents, peer-review of papers, educational events and committee reports in *Deep Foundations* magazine.

As a DFI member you can participate in one of several Technical Committees. Committees are added as new methods and technologies are introduced in the deep foundations industry.

- Augered Cast-In-Place Piles
- Codes and Standards
- Deep Foundations for Landslide / Slope Stabilization
- Drilled Shaft
- Driven Pile
- Ground Improvement
- Helical Piles and Tiebacks
- Marine Foundations
- Micropile
- Seismic and Lateral Loads
- Slurry Wall
- Soil Mixing
- Sustainability
- Testing and Evaluation
- Tiebacks and Soil Nailing

Other committees and task forces within DFI include the Technical Advisory Committee for third-party review, International Committee, Nominating Committee, Financial Advisory Committee, Young Professional Council, Student Chapters, event planning committees, award committees and liaison committees that work with cooperating organizations.

## WHAT MEMBERS SAY

*“Serving on a DFI Committee is an investment in the future of our industry. In return, you collaborate with exceptional people who share the same interest, expand your knowledge and effect change in your industry.”*



## PROGRAMS

DFI's high-caliber technical programs are the focal point for education, communication, networking and opportunity.

Our Technical Committees develop **specialty seminars, short courses and workshops** to educate and update members on the fundamental applications of deep foundation elements and systems, present innovations and technological advancements, and discuss relevant market and practice issues. Seminars provide a valuable learning experience for you and your employees to build and strengthen your knowledge base and obtain practical information that may be applied immediately to your ongoing projects. Each fall, we hold our **Annual Conference on Deep Foundations**, a members' meeting and technical

conference in North America; every fourth year, it is held on another continent. As a DFI member you'll join hundreds of professionals from around the world for technical presentations and committee meetings, an exhibition, social events and networking with peers, clients and competitors. The **Conference Proceedings** are a valuable resource for every technical library.

We manage **International Conferences on Piling and Deep Foundations** worldwide. These conferences provide opportunities to share common interests with counterparts around the world and gain global perspectives on the use and advances of deep foundations methods and technologies.

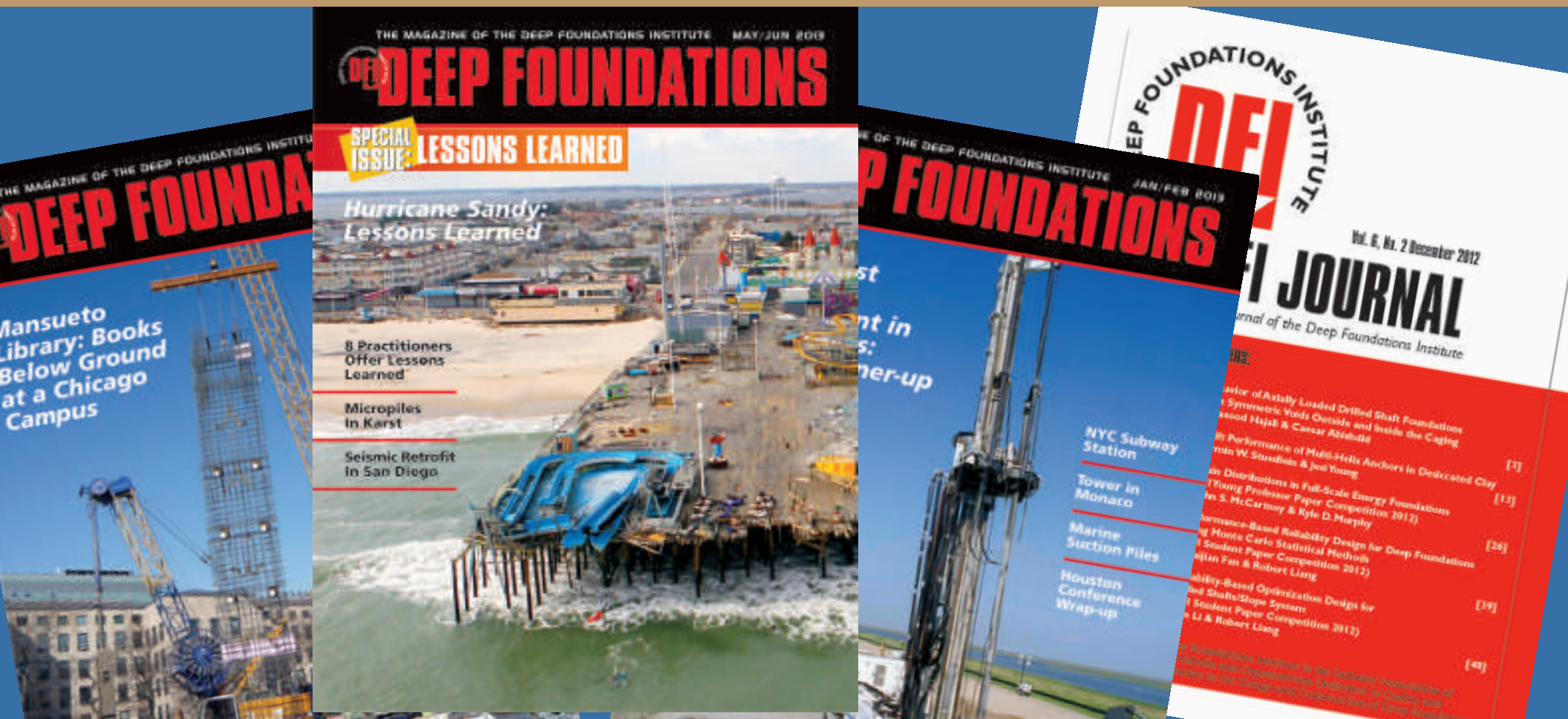


## DEEP FOUNDATIONS MAGAZINE

*Deep Foundations*, the publication of the DFI, is created by the industry for the industry and has one goal — to keep members informed about the industry they themselves are shaping. Every issue informs you of state-of-the-art projects; new techniques, products and technology; news on leading corporations and individuals; committee activities and upcoming events. The magazine also publishes guest editorials and regular columns from DFI's President and Executive Director. The full-color magazine is distributed bi-monthly to DFI members worldwide, as well as engineering libraries at several universities and colleges. Digital editions of each issue are available on the DFI website. Advertising in the magazine is a privilege of corporate membership.

## DFI JOURNAL

The *DFI Journal* is a peer-reviewed publication of high-quality papers related to the broad area of deep foundations engineering and construction. Papers are welcome on topics of interest to the geotechnical professional community related to all systems designed and constructed for the support of heavy structures and excavations. The publication is a milestone in our ongoing effort to be the information resource for design and construction of foundations and excavations, and helps position DFI and its members as authorities in the industry. The content includes practice-oriented papers, opinion papers, forums, technical notes, discussions and book reviews. The *Journal* is available online to members.



## DFI WEBSITE

The DFI website, [www.dfi.org](http://www.dfi.org), will most often appear on the first page of a web search for ACIP Piles, Drilled Shafts, Helical Piles and Tiebacks, or other methods and technologies represented by DFI Technical Committees. This visibility makes your corporate membership listing accessible to the thousands of people who turn to the DFI website every day to find deep foundation experts. Our website is also a current and relevant resource for you — with news, event information, committee information, member resources, deep foundation Glossary/Lexicon, access to *Deep Foundations* magazine and an online store of technical manuals, inspector guides, conference proceedings, videos, DVDs and reference books. As an extension of the website, DFI provides its members with visibility and connectivity through social media such as DFI LinkedIn Groups and more. [www.dfi.org](http://www.dfi.org)

## ONEMINE.ORG

OneMine.org is a web-based document library where DFI members can access and download more than 100,000 articles, technical papers and books from organizations all over the world — at no cost. The online document library, which began with the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (SME), now includes documents from related industry organizations.

DFI continually adds its publication documents to OneMine.org including proceedings, technical manuals, reference documents, *DFI Journal* papers and magazine articles from *Deep Foundations*.

## WHAT MEMBERS SAY

*“DFI’s online resources have proved invaluable to me in the office and on the jobsite — connecting me with the right suppliers and contractors for any deep foundations project, delivering relevant papers on foundation technologies, and directing me and my staff to continuing education opportunities.”*





## AWARDS

The Outstanding Project Award recognizes the superior work of DFI members. Each year, a project is chosen from several deep foundation and excavation projects nominated by DFI membership. Award criteria include size, scope and challenges of the project, degree of innovation and ingenuity exercised, and the uniqueness of the solution to the difficulties of the job. The award is presented at the Annual Conference.

The Distinguished Service Award is presented each year at the Annual Conference to an individual who has made contributions to the advancement of the deep foundations industry. The Award Committee selects the DSA winner from member-nominated candidates based on duration of career, industry and technological leadership, innovation, strength of curriculum vitae, character and DFI contributions and accomplishments.

The Ben C. Gerwick Award for Innovation in the Design and Construction of Marine Foundations is presented annually to recognize the innovative spirit of Ben C. Gerwick and his phenomenal contribution to the marine foundation industry over his 62 year professional career as a contractor, educator and construction engineer. The award encourages and recognizes innovation in the marine foundation industry.

The C. William Bermingham Innovation Award is presented annually to recognize the pioneering spirit of Bill Bermingham, DFI past president, and his contributions to DFI and the deep foundations industry. The award encourages and recognizes innovative contributions to deep foundation technology. The award is presented at the Annual Conference and provides a cash prize to the winner.





## DFI EDUCATIONAL TRUST

The DFI Trust benefits all members by promoting and supporting the education of promising young engineers to lead the industry in the future. An independent charitable foundation, the Trust's goal is to enable better industry-academia communications, promote the construction industry to students, and provide professional education opportunities within the deep foundations industry. The Trust provides student scholarships, promotes awareness of careers, and provides

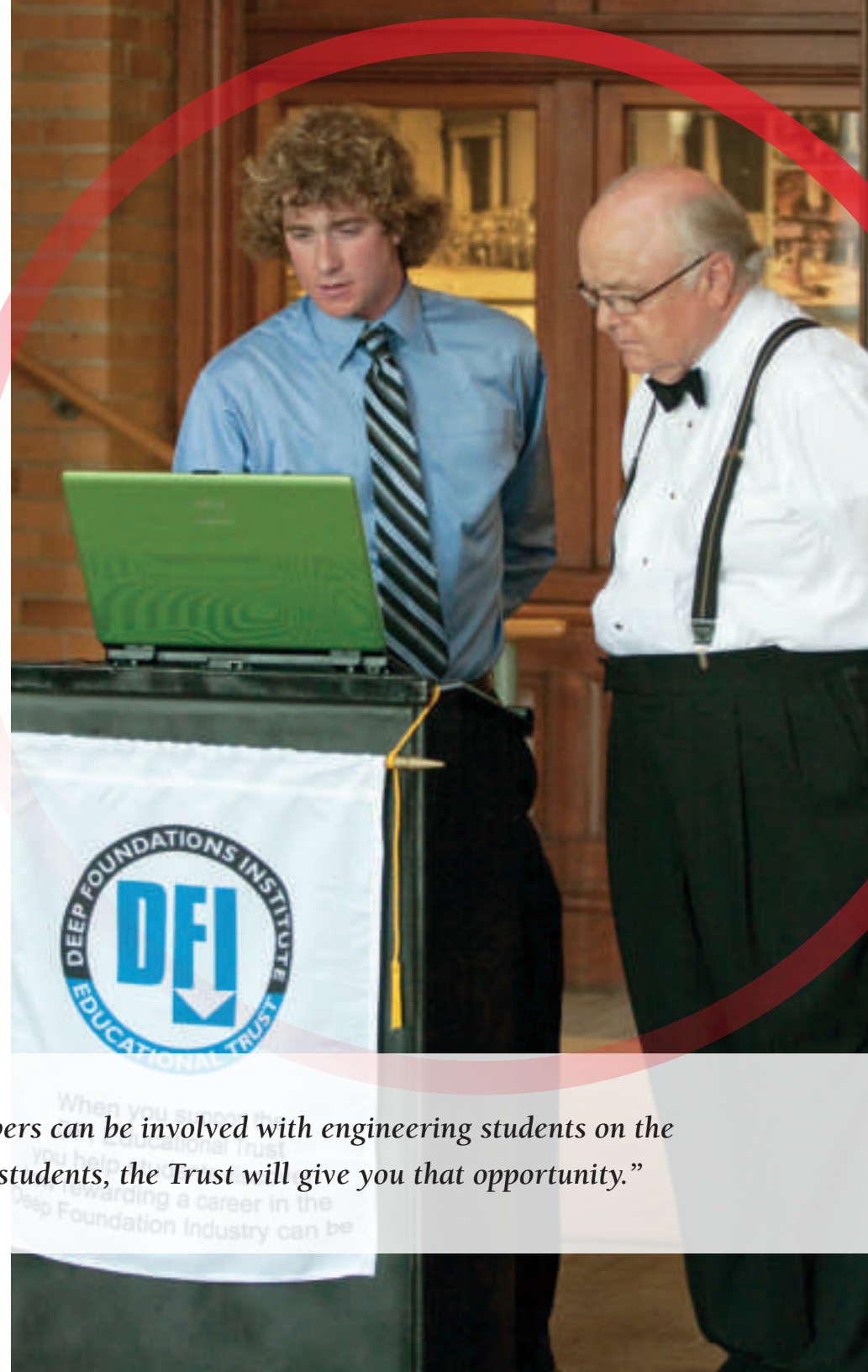


financial support for educational programs and student activities. Under the guidance of the Trust, DFI student chapters have been formed at University of California at Berkeley, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, City College of New York (CCNY), University of Missouri and American University Dubai. The Trust manages several scholarship programs. In addition, The Trust organizes the Annual

Student and Young Professor Paper Competitions, Student Design Competition, the Annual Osterberg Memorial Lecture, the Hal Hunt Lecture and Annual Golf Outings. The Trust also collaborates in the ACE Mentor Program. The Trust programs are made possible by DFI member and industry participation at annual fundraising events. [www.dfitrust.org](http://www.dfitrust.org)

## WHAT MEMBERS SAY

*"With the growth of DFI student chapters, more of our members can be involved with engineering students on the campus level. If you are interested in mentoring engineering students, the Trust will give you that opportunity."*





## CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

Corporate Memberships are available in varying classes based on the type, location and size of organization. Each DFI Corporate Member organization, regardless of class, is represented by two employees, designated as DFI Corporate Member Representatives. Larger Corporate Member organizations can name additional employees as Corporate Individual Members. In addition, several discounted memberships are offered.

- **Affiliate Corporate Membership** allows multiple-office Corporate Member organizations to illustrate their geographical diversity by registering branch and/or affiliate offices as Corporate Members with their own website listing and representatives. The Affiliate must share the same name as the parent Corporate Member organization.
- **Non-Commercial Corporate Membership** allows non-commercial organizations such as government agencies, associations, societies and union organizations to join DFI with their own website listing and representatives.
- **Sustaining Membership** is reserved for Corporate Members who contribute to a special Sustaining Membership Fund managed by the DFI Educational Trust, for the purpose of furthering DFI's educational goals.

Join Now! Go to [www.dfi.org](http://www.dfi.org)

## WHAT MEMBERS SAY

*“DFI members challenge themselves and others on a daily basis. They dig deep into industry issues and provide solutions. They don’t wait for things to happen, they make them happen. Because of this strong commitment to initiate change, they are recognized as leaders and have increased their own value in the deep foundations industry.*

*You can be part of this organization.”*



## INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

Practitioners can join DFI as **Independent Individual Members** to keep abreast of developments in deep foundations and play an important role in contributing to the consensus voice of DFI. In addition, several discounted individual memberships are offered.

- **Corporate Member Employee Individual Membership** allows employees of registered Corporate Member organizations to join DFI.
- **Government Employee Individual Membership** allows public sector employees including federal, state and municipal agencies to join DFI.

- **Student Individual Membership** is allowed for students who provide a copy of their school ID with submission of their application.
- **Emeritus Individual Membership** is reserved for individuals who have been members of DFI, either as Representatives of Corporate Members or as Individual Members for a minimum of 10 continuous years, and who have reached the age of 65 years and have retired from full-time employment.

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### MEMBER BENEFITS

	CORPORATE	INDIVIDUAL
Listing on the Members page of the website	•	
Eligible to exhibit at the Annual Conference on Deep Foundations	•	
Eligible to advertise in <i>Deep Foundations</i> magazine and on the DFI website	•	
One free new member ad (1/4 page B&W ad or discount on larger ad) in <i>Deep Foundations</i>	•	
Electronic versions of DFI logo for use on letterhead, business cards and institutional advertising	•	
Purchase of reprints of DFI technical manuals imprinted with the member's logo and address at the lowest per-copy price	•	
Representatives receive free copies of all new DFI Technical Committee manuals	•	
Employees may join as individual voting members of the Institute at discounted rates	•	
Eligible to serve on DFI Technical Committees	•	•
Ballot for annual election of Institute trustees	•	•
Receive monthly eNewsletter	•	•
Notices of seminars, conferences and continuing education short courses	•	•
Announcements of new publications	•	•
Solicitations for nominees for the annual Distinguished Service and Outstanding Project Awards	•	•
DFI Electronic Membership Roster access for connecting with other DFI members	•	•
Receive <i>Deep Foundations</i> magazine and <i>DFI Journal</i>	•	•
Eligible to apply to serve on non-technical committees, both standing and special	•	•
Eligible to hold DFI office	•	•
Eligible to register for DFI seminars, short courses and conferences at members' rate	•	•
Eligible to download publications from OneMine.org at no cost	•	•



Networking. Education. Collaboration. Communication.



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