



**Canadian Geotechnical Society**  
**Société canadienne de géotechnique**

**Section Report**

2015 Annual Report

July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

**Section 1: General**

Name of CGS Section: Vancouver

Date of report: July 14, 2015

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Section Director: Jason Pellett

End of Term: December 31, 2015

CGS website address: [http://www.cgs.ca/section\\_vancouver.php](http://www.cgs.ca/section_vancouver.php)

Last time your Section's CGS website was updated: March 2014

If the Section has a separate website please provide address: [www.v-g-s.ca](http://www.v-g-s.ca)

Is there a link to the CGS website?: yes

**Section 2: Current Executive Committee Members and their Affiliations (employers or universities)**

Vancouver Geotechnical Society Executive, as of July 14 2015:

Role	Name	Company
Chair	(Kumar) S. Sriskandakumar	BGC Engineering
Past-Chair	Ryan Mills	Tetra Tech EBA
Program Director	Ali Amini Robyn Barnett	Naesgaard-Amini Geotechnical Tetra Tech EBA
Treasurer	Chris Longley	Stantec
Registrar	Robyn Barnett	Tetra Tech EBA
Secretary	Yoshi Tanaka	Levelton Consultants
Web Manager	Marc Bossé	Thurber Engineering
CGS Section Director	Jason Pellett	Tetra Tech EBA
Member-at-Large	Mike Hopson	Nilex
Member-at-Large	Andrea Loughheed	Thurber Engineering

**Section 3: Number of Section Members**

Executive members: 10 (see above)

Total members (if possible, student and non-student members): As of May 14 2015: 226 regular members + 16 life members + 9 student members; Total = 251

Total CGS members (if possible student and non-student members): Unknown

Comments (point form)

**Section 4. Finances**

Balance (as of June 30, 2015): \$40,667.08

Does your Section charge its members an annual fee? Yes

If so, how much? \$25 regular member; \$5 student member

Is your Section aware that CGS financial assistance is available to Sections (Admin Manual App 4)? No

Is your Section aware of the CGS Lecture Supplement Program (Awards Manual Section C-4)? No

Is your Section sponsoring a Student/MIT to attend GéoQuébec 2015 (Admin Manual App 12)? Yes

## Section 5. Annual Conference / Board of Directors Meeting

Are you planning to attend the GéoQuébec 2015? Yes!

Do you have any specific questions or issues that you would like to suggest for the BOD meeting agenda?

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Section 6. Activities			
Date	Speaker/Other	Topic/Subject	Attendance
09/18/2014	Tuna Onur, Ph.D.	Selection and Modification of Time-Histories for Southwestern B.C.	45
10/07/2014	Dr. P.K. Robertson	Evaluating soil liquefaction using the CPT – practical considerations	60
11/12/2014	Dr. Mason Ghafghazi, P.Eng.	Instrumented Becker Penetration Test for Liquefaction Assessment in Gravelly Soils	50
11/27/2014	Ryan Phillips, Ph.D., P.Eng., FEIC	Offshore Foundation Systems - Role of Geotechnical Centrifuge Modeling (Fall 2014 CCLT)	** Event was cancelled due to flight delays
01/16/2015 -01/17/2015	Mr. Mike Jefferies & Dr. Dawn Shuttle	Two-Day VGS Short Course – “Developing Confidence in Critical State Soil Mechanics”	30
02/03/2015	Several speakers	R.F. Legget Medal Dinner in Honour of Professor Emeritus Peter M. Byrne	75
02/19/2015	Dr. Joseph Wartman, P.E.	The 22 March 2014 Oso, Washington, USA, Landslide	70
03/11/2015	Prof. Jacques Locat	Failure and Post-Failure Analysis of Submarine Mass Movement – 2015 UBC Geological Engineering / VGS Distinguished Lecture	±100 (no records available)
03/25/2015	Tuna Onur, Ph.D.	Probabilistic Seismic Hazard Assessment (PSHA) - An Overview	50
04/15/2015	Tim Stark, Ph.D. & Oldrich Hungr, Ph.D.	2014 SR 530 Landslide (Oso, Washington, USA) - A Mechanistic Interpretation of Initiation and Movement	65
05/14/2015	Dr. Nicholas Sitar, Ph.D.	On the Importance of Kinematics in the Analysis of (Large) Landslides (Spring 2015 CCLT)	70
06/12/2015	Several speakers	23rd VGS Annual Symposium – “Soil Structure Interaction”	150

## Section 7. Additional general information or comments