



Arun Valsangkar - nominated by the Canadian Geotechnical Society for the John B. Stirling Medal

Arun Valsangkar was educated in India and first drawn to Canada to work as a post doctoral fellow for the late Geoffrey Meyerhof at the Technical University of Nova Scotia. It was at this time that Arun interacted with two young geotechnical engineers, Hector Jacques and Mike Whitford who had recently started their own geotechnical engineering company in Halifax. This early contact resulted in a 30 year part-time association with Jacques Whitford and Associates that continues to this day. Arun joined the University of New Brunswick in 1981 where he continues his teaching and research.

Arun Valsangkar has provided considerable service at the national level for the Canadian Geotechnical Society. Since 1993, he has served as an Associate Editor of the Canadian Geotechnical Journal and was appointed editor of the journal from 2002-2007. During his time as editor, the paper submission level increased to almost 350 papers a year from around the world and the editorial board increased to over 20 members. The Canadian Geotechnical Journal is considered one of the top geotechnical journals in the world and puts Canada on an international stage with respect to geotechnical engineering research and practice.

Arun Valsangkar's consulting and research work have also earned him worldwide recognition as well as a number of awards, including Fellowships from the EIC, the CSCE and Cambridge University. He has received the A.P. Stuart Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Geoffrey Meyerhof Award from the CGS for research excellence. For his leadership and distinguished service at the national level within the Canadian Geotechnical Society, we are delighted this evening to bestow this honour upon Arun Valsangkar.

Ladies and gentlemen, and Mr. President, as the Recipient of the John B. Stirling Medal, please welcome Arun Valsangkar.