



The Engineering Institute of Canada

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Dr. Michael Bozozuk - Membre de la Société canadienne de géotechnique et "fellow" de l'ICI

Dr. Bozozuk a obtenu un baccalauréat et une maîtrise en génie civil de l'Université du Manitoba. L'Université Purdue lui a conféré un doctorat (Ph.D.) en mécanique des sols. Grand promoteur de la formation permanente, il a lui-même suivi nombre de cours sur des sujets reliés à ses travaux de recherche et à la gestion.

Dr. Bozozuk a consacré la majeure partie de sa carrière au Conseil national de recherches, et plus précisément à la section géotechnique de la division de la recherche en bâtiment. Parmi les principaux champs de ses recherches, mentionnons le tassement des sols et l'affaissement des fondations, les argiles gonflantes et les argiles contractiles (courantes au Canada), la capacité portante et la résistance des argiles, et les instruments d'observation. Grâce à ses vastes connaissances en mécanique des sols, Dr. Bozozuk a souvent été invité comme examinateur externe pour évaluer des travaux d'élèves à la maîtrise et au doctorat, au CMR ainsi qu'aux universités d'Ottawa, de Sherbrooke, Memorial, et à l'École Polytechnique. Il a également enseigné à Purdue et à Ottawa. Dr. Bozozuk a également publié plus de 80 communications au fil d'une carrière bien remplie.

Dr. Bozozuk is equally known in the geotechnical societies of Canada for leadership and development of societies such as the Canadian Geotechnical Society (at local, provincial and national level) the Engineering Institute of Canada, and the Canadian Foundation for Geotechnique. He has been for example Director of Northern & Eastern Ontario, then VP, President and Chairman of the Awards Committee for CGS. Subsequently he served the EIC as VP on the Honours & Awards Committee and Chair of the Engineering Liaison Committee, which serves to coordinate between the learned societies and the governing licensing bodies of engineering in Canada. He has won many awards for technical and professional service during his career.

There are many dedicated engineers who serve on the committees or at executive level in engineering societies and institutions. Mike Bozozuk however, brings additional priorities to these roles. He is never content with status quo, but rather looks for ways to change, to shake up and to improve organizations. Yet this is done with a very personal approach, engendering no resentment. This is a very unique ability, and one that sets Dr. Bozozuk apart. He is now using these interpersonal skills to improve the Canadian Foundation for Geotechnique. The first thing he did? Changed the name of the organization. The second thing he did? Improved its principal role of funding the development of proven and emerging young talents on the Canadian Geotechnical scene.

Ladies and Gentlemen, and Mr. President a man we admire, and now the recipient of the CPR Medal of the Engineering Institute of Canada – Dr. Michael Bozozuk