

Victor A. Sowa - nominated by the Canadian Geotechnical Society

Victor Sowa is a Senior Geotechnical Consultant at Jacques Whitford in Vancouver and has over 40 years of broad experience as a design engineer, review consultant and project manager in the geotechnical and geoenvironmental fields in Canada and abroad. His experience, with companies such as Acres International, AMEC Earth & Environmental, Klohn-Crippen, and Jacques Whitford includes geotechnical engineering for hydroelectric and water storage dams, tailings dams, foundations for oil refineries, petrochemical and industrial plants, pulp & paper mills, river crossings, river bank stability, commercial developments, and dispute resolution. He was responsible for the geotechnical design aspects of several challenging projects including a large diameter caisson pier foundation for an electrical transmission line crossing a river in Bangladesh, the G. Ross Lord Dam in Toronto, the original tailings dykes for Syncrude's Oil Sands Mine, and river crossings for the proposed Canadian Arctic Gas Pipeline.

Victor has been involved extensively with professional technical societies throughout his career, most particularly the Canadian Geotechnical Society, the Vancouver Geotechnical Society and the Geotechnical Society of Edmonton. He served for several years as a Director of the CGS in British Columbia and Northern Alberta, and has been heavily involved on many national Conference Organizing Committees for the CGS, the Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering, and several others.

Victor Sowa's dedicated service to the CGS at the local, regional and national levels has earned him the recognition of his peers through several awards including the A.G. Stermac Award, the Stan Thompson Award and Fellowship in the Engineering Institute of Canada. Tonight, we have the opportunity add to those honours and recognize a distinguished engineer for service to the profession in Canada.

Ladies and gentlemen, and Madam President, as the Recipient of the CPR Medal, please welcome Victor Sowa.