



Suzanne Lacasse - nominated by the Canadian Geotechnical Society for the John B. Stirling Medal

Since 1991, Suzanne Lacasse has been Managing Director of the Norwegian Geotechnical Institute, one of the world's most respected and influential research and consulting institutes. Suzanne has given outstanding service to the field of geotechnical engineering as a manager and leader, both internationally and in Canada. She has worked with major companies such as ELF Aquitaine and Exxon; with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, with several consulting companies, and with universities in Montreal, Oslo and Trondheim. Suzanne Lacasse is a specialist reviewer for many international projects. Her areas of expertise include foundations for offshore structures; landslides in soils, rocks, snow and under water; risk assessment and mitigation; probability-based design methods; and soil dynamics.

Suzanne Lacasse has served as President of the Canadian Geotechnical Society, given many keynote addresses to conferences, promoted the development of young geotechnical engineers and geoscientists through three conferences aimed at young professionals, and worked on the Canadian Standards Association Committee on Offshore Foundations. She presented a Cross Canada Lecture Tour in nine cities, served on the Council of the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering, was a member of the EIC Awards Committee, and was an Associate Editor of the Canadian Geotechnical Journal.

Suzanne Lacasse is a member of several organizations including the Canadian, British and Norwegian Geotechnical Societies, and the American Society of Civil Engineers. She received the R.F. Legget Medal from the CGS in 2007, and presented the prestigious Terzaghi Lecture to the ASCE in 2001. Suzanne has received Honorary Doctorates from the University of Dundee in Scotland and the University of Trondheim in Norway. She was elected a member of the U.S. National Academy of Engineering in 2001 and the French Academy of Science in 2008. In addition, she is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and the Canadian Academy of Engineering. Tonight, we can all celebrate with Suzanne as she receives a very distinguished EIC honour.

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