Dr Craig Lake is the leading Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Engineering scholar in Eastern Canada, who has also made world-class research contributions to environmental remediation and barrier system science and practice. His expertise is sought after as a consultant and as a member of various advisory boards in the Province of Nova Scotia.

Dr Lake was appointed at the young age of 39 to be Head of the Department of Civil Engineering at Dalhousie University – Eastern Canada’s leading University and Engineering School. As Department Head, his leadership resulted in major improvements in the teaching facilities, student-faculty relations, and safety culture, and he led the hiring and mentoring of new faculty members, as well as successful accreditation of the undergraduate program through the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board.

Dr Lake has made and continues to make major contributions to the Canadian Geotechnical Society. As conference co-chair, he brought the annual CGS conference back to Halifax in 2009 after many years. As a highly effective Associate Editor and now Editor of the Canadian Geotechnical Journal, he is supporting the dissemination of research findings to scholars and practitioners worldwide and safeguarding and improving the legacy of this journal – one of the world’s finest.

Ladies and gentlemen, and Mr. President, please welcome Dr. Craig Lake as a Fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada.