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March 2015



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It's time to flip your PDCA calendar to March.

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If you did not receive a 2015 PDCA wall calendar, please contact the PDCA office for your complimentary copy.



Education – Upcoming Conferences, Seminars, Courses and Workshops

Deep Foundation Dynamic Testing and Analysis Course

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PDCA, in partnership with Pile Dynamics, Inc., held a very successful Deep Foundation Dynamic Testing and Analysis Course, along with the Dynamic Measurement and Analysis Proficiency Test in Calgary, Alta., from Feb. 25-27, 2015.

Over 60 individuals attended the three-day program with most opting to take the proficiency test. PDCA is grateful to the Edmonton and Calgary Geotechnical Societies for their support and promotion of the program.



IFCEE 2015 – Coming Fast!

March 17–21, 2015
J.W. Marriott Hill Country Resort and Spa
San Antonio, Texas

March 1 marks the final countdown to IFCEE 2015 – only 15 days left before the start of the world’s largest foundation expo!

IFCEE 2015 will feature six short courses, over fifty 90-minute technical sessions, networking opportunities, keynote speakers and lectures by renowned industry experts. Registration is expected to exceed 2,500 delegates. For more information, go to the official IFCEE 2015 website, www.ifcee2015.com.

Visit PDCA at Booth 306!



Professors’ Driven Pile Institute: First Annual Reunion

As part of IFCEE 2015, PDCA will hold the First Annual Professors’ Driven Pile Institute Reunion at the J.W. Marriott Hill Country Resort and Spa on Thurs., March 19 in the Verbena/Periwinkle room from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Invitations to all PDPI attending professors and instructors have been sent with an RSVP requested response. If you have not received your invitation and would like to know more about this PDCA event, please contact the PDCA office at 888-311-7322.

Professors’ Driven Pile Institute 2015

June 2015
Utah State University
Logan, Utah

The 8th Biennial Professors’ Driven Pile Institute (PDPI) will be held in June 2015 at Utah State University in Logan, Utah.

Through the PDPI program, PDCA has provided the nation’s leading engineering professors from more than 100 different colleges and universities with the opportunity to learn about driven piles. Since the first PDPI in 2002, the professors – all teaching undergraduate or graduate courses in foundation engineering – have exposed approximately 24,000 engineering students to the world of driven piles and their advantages as a foundation system.

PDCA is asking you to make a contribution to help us continue this very important program and in doing so you will also be making a commitment to the future of your industry. PDCA's goal is to raise \$50,000 before June 1, 2015. To view the PDPI fundraiser program brochure and find out more about how you can make a contribution, click [HERE](#).

16th Annual Design and Installation of Cost-Efficient Piles (DICEP) Conference

**Sept. 3–4, 2015
Newark, New Jersey**

The 16th Annual Design and Installation of Cost-Efficient Piles (DICEP) conference will be held in Newark, N.J. This year's theme will be "The Efficiency of Driven Pile and Sheet piling for Rapid Coastal Rebuild After a Natural Disaster – Lessons Learned from Hurricane Sandy."

The PDCA Education Committee is working on assembling a great lineup of presentations, which will include speakers from the public and private sectors. Currently the PDCA has invited, discussed the format and topics and is confirming participation by FEMA, FHWA, USACOE and the Coast Guard. Several presentations from the private sector are also confirmed and will include case histories of projects related to Hurricane Sandy, including, "Efficiency of Driven Pile with Non-Disturbance of Existing Foundations," "Noise and Vibration", "Advances in Technology for Rapid Installation of Driven Piles" as well as a PDCA research topic on "Liquefaction Mitigation Using Driven Timber Pile".

The conference will include 12 presentations over 1.5 days and will include professional development hours for professional engineers.

PDCA News

PDCA Project of the Year Awards Sponsor



The annual PDCA Project of the Year Awards ceremony will be held at IFCEE 2015 during the PDCA General Business Breakfast on Fri., March 20, 2015. The awards celebrate driven pile excellence and innovation by PDCA members.

PDCA extends its sincerest gratitude to ICE® – International Construction Equipment, Inc. for sponsoring this year's Project of the Year Awards program.



New reporting requirements: Employers required to report fatalities and severe injuries and illnesses

As of Jan. 1, 2015, employers covered by federal OSHA are now required to report work-related fatalities within eight hours and work-related in-patient hospitalizations, amputations and losses of an eye within 24 hours of finding out about the incident.

Previously, employers were required to report all workplace fatalities and when three or more workers were hospitalized in the same incident. The updated reporting requirements have a life-saving purpose – they will enable employers and workers to prevent future injuries by identifying and eliminating the most serious workplace hazards.

Employers can report these incidents by calling their **nearest area office** during normal business hours, or the 24-hour OSHA hotline at 1-800-321-OSHA (1-800-321-6742). For more information and resources, visit OSHA's **webpage** on the updated reporting requirements. Soon, employers will also be able to report fatalities, injuries and illnesses online.

PDCA Chapter News

PDCA of the Northeast Chapter



The Northeast Chapter conducted the PDCA Pile Driving Professionals Development course on Feb. 17, 2015. The event was attended by almost 70 individuals, despite the heavy snow that fell in the early morning hours. The chapter limited attendance to PDCA members only. This strategy accounted for over 20 new chapter members. The course was presented by Buck Darling and Pat Hannigan. The course was hosted by PDCA member George Harms Construction Company and presented at their offices in Farmingdale, N.J. Individuals received PDHs for attending the course.



The chapter also conducted its first quarter dinner meeting on Feb. 18, 2015, at the Iberia Peninsula Restaurant. Approximately 80 people attended the reception and dinner. Following the dinner, Van Komurka of Wagner Komurka Geotechnical Group presented on the topic of innovative, value-adding aspects of driven pile design and installation, and ways to substantially reduce construction cost, risk and time. Ideas and concepts that can potentially win projects and retain clients were presented in a straightforward, easy-to-understand manner, making the material clear, valuable and applicable to both technical and non-technical attendees. The evening was sponsored by Atlas Pipe Piles.

PDCA of the Gulf Coast Chapter



The Gulf Coast Chapter held their first quarter dinner meeting on Feb. 5, 2015. The event was attended by almost 40 people. The evening began with a social/networking event, followed by a buffet dinner. The presentation for the evening focused on dynamic testing.

The chapter approved the promotion of a one-day seminar for engineers with a date to be determined. The seminar will emphasize the advantages of driven pile, specifically cost-effectiveness, as well as issues of quality control and quality assurances. The chapter will issue PDHs for attendance.

PDCA of South Carolina Chapter

The South Carolina Chapter will hold its quarterly dinner meeting on March 3, 2015, at the Town and Country Inn and Suites in Charleston, S.C. The meeting will begin with a social/networking event, followed by a buffet dinner. The evening's speaker will be William Doar, regional geologist with DNR Coastal Plain. The chapter will also present the first annual "Engineer of the Year" award during the meeting.

PDCA of Texas Chapter

The Texas Chapter will hold a dinner meeting on March 16, 2015, in San Antonio, Texas. The event will precede the opening of IFCEE 2015 and will be held at a restaurant within a few miles of the J.W. Marriott, host hotel for IFCEE 2015. For more information, contact the chapter president, Rusty Signor, at 512-801-3356.

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