**DICEP CONFERENCE SCHEDULED**

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The Pile Driving Contractors is pleased to announce the 11th Annual Design and Installation of Cost-Efficient Piles (DICEP) Conference – The E3 Conference. This year’s conference has been scheduled for Thursday, November 4, 2010, in Charleston, South Carolina.

The PDCA of South Carolina Chapter will be a conference partner with national PDCA for this event.  Supporting Organizations for DICEP are the GeoInstitute of the ASCE, South Carolina Society of Professional Engineers and the Civil Engineers Club of Charleston.

The conference will be held at the North Charleston Area Convention Center with overnight accommodations at the Embassy Suites Hotel Airport, located at 5055 International Blvd. North Charleston, SC.

The DICEP conference is designed for geotechnical, structural and civil engineers; contractors and other firms or individuals who support, conduct business or are associated with the deep foundations, earth retention and/or the driven pile industry.  Licensed P.E.’s needing Professional Development Hours can obtain 6 PDH from this conference, including those licensed in Florida.

The DICEP conference will present modern approaches to maximize **E**fficiency, **E**ffectiveness and **E**conomy (E3) of driven piles through a series of presentations including SCDOT for driven pile geotechnical requirements, static analysis methods and software for geotechnical design of driven pile, design of pile-rafted foundations and downdrag computations, driven pile and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), innovative research, case histories, and more.

Speakers and Presentations include Nick Harman, PE (SCDOT) – SCDOT Geotechnical Design Manual; Prof. Frank Townsend (University of Florida) – Driven Pile Design Methods; Mohamad Hussein (GRL Engineers) – Recent Dynamic Testing Developments and Practices for Improving Reliability and Economy of Driven Pile Foundations; Prof. Jutful I Kahn, PhD, PE (Cleveland State University) – A Novel Method for Increasing Capacity and Enhancing Set-Up of Steel Piles in Clay Soil; Dennis Knight, PE (Lillio Architects) – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED); Alan Macnab (Condon Johnson & Associates) – Model Geotechnical Constructability Report; Prof. George Filz (Virginia Tech) – Spreadsheet Analysis of Piled-Raft Foundations and Downdrag on Pile Groups; and Elie Homsi (Flatiron) – New Top-Down Construction Method Using an Overhead Gantry and Rotating Lead to Drive Pile.

A pile driving field demonstration is tentatively scheduled to follow the general session presentations. The demonstration will include a modern, dedicated pile driving rig which will be used to drive a PSPC concrete pile just outside of the lecture hall.  Dynamic testing, vibration monitoring and noise monitoring will be demonstrated.

The PDCA only has 8 table tops left for Exhibitors.  Exhibitor’s space will accommodate 6’ table tops ONLY.  Exhibitor fee is only $400.00 per table.  Exhibitor registration includes exhibit space and full conference registration for one person.  Electrical power available to all Exhibitors for an additional charge (contact PDCA for info).  The PDCA will assign spaces on a first-registered and paid-in-full basis. All presentations and functions will be held in the same area as the exhibit hall to maximize exhibitor traffic.  Companies interested in exhibiting at the conference should contact the PDCA immediately to reserve your space.

**LIST OF CURRENT EXHIBITORS FOR DICEP**

American Piledriving Equipment

Cox Industries

Essve Tech

Foundation Technologies, Ihc.

Geokon, Inc.

Goble Pile Test

GRL Engineers, Inc.

ICE - International Construction Equipment

L. B. Foster Company

Liebherr Nenzing Crane Company

Pile Dynamics, Inc.

R.W. Conklin Steel

Skyline Steel Company

Terracon

**PDCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO MEETING IN CHARLESTON, SC**

The PDCA 2010-2011 Board of Directors will meet in Charleston, SC on Wednesday, November 3, 2010, a day prior to the DICEP Conference. The meeting will be held at the North Charleston Area Convention Center, site of the DICEP conference. The meeting will begin at 3:00 PM. All PDCA Board members should plan on attending. All PDCA Past Presidents are also invited to attend the meeting, so we hope to see you there. Anyone wishing to have an item placed on the agenda should contact the PDCA office or any PDCA Board member. All members are listed on the PDCA website, [www.piledrivers.org](http://www.piledrivers.org). The PDCA of South Carolina Chapter will host a special dinner event for the national Board and DICEP Speakers following the Board meeting.

**PDCA SELECTS SAVANNAH, GEORGIA FOR 2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

The Pile Driving Contractors Association has selected Savannah, GA as the site of the 2011 Annual International Conference and Expo. The days and dates for the program selected by the PDCA are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, April 26, 27 and 28, respectively.

The conference will split its time between The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa and the Savannah International Trade and Convention Center. The two properties are adjacent, providing easy access to all conference programs.

The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa ([www.westinsavannah.com](http://www.westinsavannah.com)), a premier Savannah hotel in the heart of the River District just completed a $10M renovation with upgrades to their guest rooms, meeting rooms, and public spaces. Renovations feature state-of-the-art amenities with and elegant Old South charm and down home southern hospitality. The PDCA conference schedule will feature an expanded General Session program with nine presentations plus a panel discussion. Each presentation will provide certificates for PDH’s, including P.E. registered in Florida.

The PDCA Market Development Committee, responsible for all conference activities except the educational programs is planning another exciting Companion’s Program. Details have not been completed, but you can be sure that all spouses and guests will be pampered and very well taken care of with programs that are sure to keep them busy and entertained.

For the PDCA 4th Annual Golf Tournament, the featured course will be The Club at Savannah Harbor, a Troon-managed course designed by Robert Cupp and Sam Snead. The course is the home of the PGA Tour’s Champions Tour Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf tournament.

The Savannah International Trade and Convention Center ([www.savtcc.com](http://www.savtcc.com)), located on the Savannah River will be the site for the General Session presentations, Exhibit Hall, receptions, continental breakfasts, a buffet luncheon on Thursday, April 28 and all morning and afternoon breaks. The Exhibit Hall, located adjacent to the General Session features 8,550 ft2 of open space to accommodate the 10’x10’ pipe and draped booths. As a reminder to all exhibitors who supported the PDCA 2010 Annual Conference as an exhibitor – you receive a 25% discount on your 2011 exhibitor fee. For your convenience the discounted fee will be identified on the Conference Brochure once distributed.

**SPONSOR A PROFESSOR PROGRAM**

Did you know the PDCA has a membership category titled, “Technical Affiliate”, which includes any individual employed full-time by a university or college and teaching Undergraduate or Graduate courses in engineering.

If you know someone who fits into this category, why not sponsor their membership in the PDCA – it’s only $100.00 per sponsored individual.

It would be beneficial to your industry if every professors who teaches up and coming engineers about deep foundations to have as much access on information about driven piles as possible. They can if they are a member of the PDCA. Sponsor your professor or individual today!

**PDCA APPROVED CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER**

The PDCA is now approved to provide Continuing Education (CE) and Professional Development Hours (PDH) through two Florida State Agencies. The PDCA was approved on July 27, 2010, by the Florida Board of Professional Engineers (Provider Number 0005072) to be a continuing education provider for Florida licensed engineers. Licensed engineer can now receive CE units through the PDCA towards their license renewal requirements.

The PDCA was also approved on July 13, 2010, by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations, Construction Industry Licensing Board (CILB) to provide CE units to registered and certified contractors in the state of Florida.

The PDCA will offer 6 PDH for those attending the November 4, 2010 Design and Installation of Cost-Efficient Piles Conference, including those licensed in Florida.

**PDCA CHAPTER EVENTS**

PDCA of the Gulf Coast Chapter – The chapter dinner meeting will be held on Thursday, November 18, 2010, at Messina’s Restaurant, Kenner, LA beginning at 6:00 PM with a cocktail reception. For more information, contact chapter President, Robert Baker at 985-792-5001.

PDCA of South Carolina Chapter – Mike Elliott, Pile Equipment presented an interesting presentation on “Sizing Pile-Driving Equipment & Common Problems” during the August 31, 2010 Chapter Dinner meeting. At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Elliott was asked to pull a business card provided earlier from those attending for the evening gift give-a-way. The prize was a football autographed by Bobby Cremins (Head Coach, College of Charleston – previously from GA Tech) and Fisher DeBerry (Former Head Coach, USAF Acadamy). Kyle Murrell (S&ME – who packed the house) won the gift.

The next Chapter dinner meeting will be held on December 7, 2010 at the Town and Country Inn, 2008 Savannah Hwy, Charleston, SC. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM with a cocktail reception (open bar), followed by opening remarks and dinner.  The cost is $25.00 and includes drinks and buffet dinner.  Reservations are requested. Contact Tara Spector, Cape Romain Contractors, Inc. at 843-884-5167 for reservations or Sonny Dupre at 843-884-5167 for more information.

PDCA of Florida Chapter – The Chapter dinner meeting will be held on September 2, 2010, at the Crowne Plaza Tampa Westshore, 5303 West Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL. The meeting will begin at 5:00 PM with a cocktail reception (cash bar), followed by opening remarks and dinner. The evening’s presentation titled, “Innovations in Steel Piling” will be provided by Gerry McShane, Vice President of Engineering, Skyline Steel Company. Mr. McShane will discuss the development and applications of high-strength H-piles, the use of steel sheet piles as bearing piles and the durability of steel piles, including the factors causing and means of preventing corrosion.

Meeting sponsor is American Piledriving Equipment.

The next meeting will be Thursday, December 9, 2010, in Jacksonville, FL. For more information contact PDCA of Florida Chapter President, Van Hogan at 904-823-8817.

PDCA of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter – The Chapter dinner meeting will be held on Thursday, October 21, 2010, beginning at 5:30 PM. The location is TBA, so watch the PDCA website for more information. The evening’s speaker will be Mr. Jerry DiMaggio, Senior Program Officer, Transportation Research Board.