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# WHO'S IN THE NEWS

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## VMAC Welcomes Sales Rep

VMAC is pleased to welcome back Mike Schaum to its outside sales team, serving VMAC dealers and end users in the Southern USA territory, which includes Texas, New Mexico, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi.

"After a short hiatus from VMAC, we're thrilled to have Mike Schaum back on our outside sales team," said Jim Raymond, VMAC's sales manager. "Mike has been an integral part of the VMAC team and has proven time and time again that he provides first-class support to our dealers and customers."

Mike will be reprising his role as national sales representative, travelling around the Southern U.S. region, with the goal of enabling VMAC's dealers and customers to work more efficiently, profitably, and sustainably. More specifically, he will be continuing to support and grow the VMAC dealer network and meeting with end users to learn about their specific needs and find solutions to overcome their challenges.

"I'm so happy to be back with VMAC and look forward to meeting once again with our dealers and customers," shared Schaum. "VMAC has always treated its coworkers and customers as family, so this is like coming home after having to be away for a year."

## Deep Foundations Institute (DFI) Announcements

### New Technical Committee Chairs:

Tim Siegel, P.E., G.E., D.GE, of Dan Brown and Associates (DBA), is the new chair of the Ground Improvement Committee succeeding Tanner Blackburn, P.E., Ph.D., of Hayward Baker. As senior principal engineer at DBA, Siegel serves as managing principal of its Knoxville operation. He specializes in deep foundation, ground improvement, and retaining system projects.

John Anderson of Specrete-IP is the new chair of the Manufacturers, Suppliers, and Service Providers (MSSP) Committee. Anderson is the owner/president of Specrete-IP, the manufacturer of Intrusion-Aid Grout Fluidifiers used in augercast pile grouts and other foundation elements.

Mark Bryant, EIT, of MacLean Power Systems (MPS) takes the helm of the Helical Piles and Tiebacks Committee from Gary Seider, Hubbell Power Systems|Chance. Bryant is the anchor product manager for MPS. Bryant is the past chair of the DFI MSSP Committee.

Mary Nodine, P.E., of GEI Consultants, follows Victor Donald of Terracon as the chair of the Subsurface Characterization Committee. Nodine is a registered professional engineer with more than 15 years of consulting experience in geotechnical and geostructural engineering design and analysis. Her specialties include ground improvement design, deep foundation design, excavation support, and retaining wall design geotechnical explorations.

### President's Awards:

Established in 2016, the DFI President's Awards are given in recognition of the efforts and service of DFI members to advance the work of DFI. This year's awards were presented to:

Gerald Verbeek, Allnamics Pile Testing Experts, was recognized for his dedication and commitment to DFI as chair of the Testing and Evaluation Committee and his active involvement in numerous DFI events and activities. He is an avid reviewer for DFI conference proceedings and develops workshops and panel discussions aimed at provoking technical debate and advancement.

David Paul, P.E., Paul GeoTek Engineering, received recognition for his commitment to DFI as trustee liaison for the Seepage Control Committee, International Grouting Committee, and the Toronto International Groundwater Management Working Group, as well as the chair of the DFI-Chennai Metro International Geoengineering, Contractual, Construction Working Group. He is responsible for DFI's active relationship with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, International Commission on Large Dams, U.S. Levee Safety Coalition, and U.S. Society on Dams.

Karen Dawson, P.E., Jacobs, was honored for her contributions to the work of DFI's Helical Piles and Tiebacks Committee. Dawson served as coeditor of the newly published *Helical Design Guide*, and the indoor program chair for the HPW-DFI Helical Piles-Tiebacks-Anchors Tradeshow and Educational Seminar in Cincinnati.

Matt Conte, Conte Company, was commended for his contributions to the work of DFI's Helical Piles and Tiebacks Committee. Conte served as outdoor program chair for HPW-DFI Helical Piles-Tiebacks-Anchors Tradeshow and Educational Seminar in Cincinnati. He provided outstanding organizing and program management efforts to deliver this first-of-its-kind DFI program and its live demonstrations safely and efficiently.

### Winners of 2019 Student Paper Competition:

Abigail H. Bateman and Jamie J. Crispin, from the University of Bristol, Bristol, U.K., are the 2019 Student Paper Competition winners. Their winning paper, *Theoretical "t-z" Curves for Piles in Radially Inhomogeneous Soil*, described the development and evaluated the use of a radial inhomogeneity correction factor for selected constitutive models.

DFI and the DFI Educational Trust annually hold the Student Paper Competition as a means to bridge the gap among practice, studies, and research.



DFI President Matthew Janes with new committee chairs Anderson, Nodine, Bryant, and Siegel.



David Paul, Karen Dawson, DFI President Matthew Janes, and Gerald Verbeek. Missing from photo is Matt Conte.



Jamie Crispin, Chair of the DFI Educational Trust Tracy Brettmann, and Abigail Bateman.