

Grout Line

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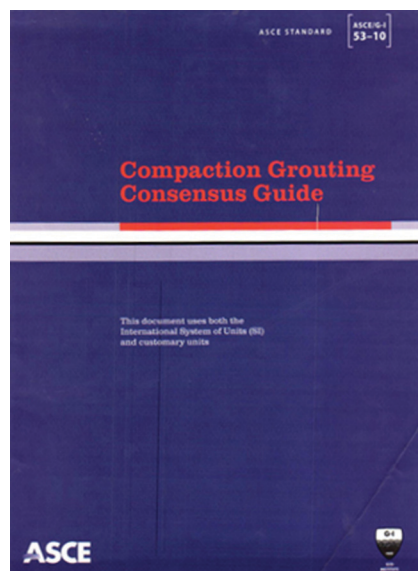
For this twenty-second issue of the Grout Line there have been no articles, comments or signs of life from you, my loyal and few readers. But for this time, and this time only, everyone in our industry is excused! As I mentioned in a previous issue, just about everyone in our grouting industry, all over the world, has been very busy in preparing the abstracts for the 2012 Grouting Conference (to be held in New Orleans in 2012 one week prior of the Mardi Gras – February 15-18) The results from the grouters all over the world has been really amazing. **MORE THAN 250 ABSTRACTS FROM 33 COUNTRIES!** It is for sure a record, and a sign of the strength and vitality of our industry all around the world. If this level of participation is any indication, we can expect a most interesting and lively conference.

I would also like to use this space in this issue to introduce an ASCE geotechnical special publication titled “Compaction Grouting Consensus Guide”. This guide is the result of more than twenty years of hard work by members of the Subcommittee for the Compaction Grouting Guideline, of the Committee on Grouting. This is the first “consensus” document from the committee and was prepared according to the highest standards for ASCE Codes and Standards. The subcommittee consisted of a balanced group representing all phases of the industry, owner, user, academic, designer, and contractor. It then required unanimous approval through balloting, first by the

committee, then ASCE as a whole, and finally the public.

As promoted by ASCE, “The goal of this standard is to promote good practice in compaction grouting. Compaction grouting is a ground improvement technique that increases the density, strength and stiffness of the ground through slow, controlled injection of low-mobility grout that compacts the soil as the grout mass expands. The technology can be applied to a wide range of soils, in most cases being used to improve the engineering properties of poorly compacted fills and loose native soils.”

In my opinion this guide is a “must” for every grouter.



Another short reminder related to the ASCE-Geo Institute – Grouting Committee. A few days ago, before I

wrote this article, I was participating in our bi-annual meeting in Hollywood, California, on the occasion of the DFI Annual meeting. The reminder is related to the people interested in participating in this committee. The only 2 conditions required to be a member of the committee are that you must: a) be member of ASCE b) be interested in (guess what?)..... GROUTING!

I know that the 2012 Conference is requiring a lot of time and effort as you finish preparing your papers for January 28, 2011, paper submittal deadline, but after that you will be free to prepare an article for me and the Grout Line. I await your contribution. Write to: Paolo Gazzarrini, fax 604-913 0106 or paolo@paologaz.com, paologaz@shaw.ca_or paolo@groutline.com. Or tweet me @groutline

Ciao!