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Hugh St.John awarded prestigious Skempton Medal

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At the Annual General Meeting of the BGA last week it was announced that the prestigious Skempton Medal was to be awarded to Hugh St.John. The Medal, which has not been awarded for a period of over 10 years was presented to Hugh by Hilary Skinner, outgoing Chairman of the BGA.

Presentation of the medal, which is awarded to honor a BGA member who has made an outstanding contribution to the practice of geotechnical engineering over a substantial period of time, was preceded by a citation given by Professor Dave Potts. This highlighted the breadth and depth of Hugh's contribution to geotechnical engineering, from his early career at BRE engaged in applied research concerning excavations in soft ground, offshore foundations and ocean disposal of hazardous waste, to his current role as a Director at GCG where he has acted as advisor to many clients regarding deep foundations and basements as well as working with more specialist piling applications. In recent years Hugh has had much involvement in aspects of litigation, particularly with foundation problems and also with issues arising from construction of retaining walls, fills, slopes and harbour works and he is an experienced expert witness. Hugh has a BSc from University College London, a PhD from Cambridge and is a Visiting Professor at City University. He has published technical papers on in-situ testing, field studies and design of foundations and basements and foundations reuse and has served on many technical committees. In summary, Hugh has made an outstanding contribution to the improvement of the design and construction of deep foundations and excavations making him a deserving recipient of the Skempton Medal.



Hugh St.John receives the BGA Medal from Hilary Skinner



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