

**Virginia ASCE Geotechnical Group**

**Invites you to the**

Quarterly Meeting on Friday, September 23, 2005

at

**The Hotel Roanoke**  
in Roanoke, VA

Wine Cash Bar at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

\$53 per person



**Come join us for a very informative, enjoyable and stimulating evening based on good food, outstanding company and fabulous conversation.**

**Prof. Thomas L. Brandon of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Virginia Polytechnic Institute will be our speaker for the evening. The topic for the evening is: Rock Slope Remediation in the British West Indies.**

**Dr. Brandon's work centered on the failure of rock slopes on a small isle in the British West Indies which required a prompt and reliable stabilization procedure. Consequences of future failure of the slopes carried a very high price both in property damage and future income potential. Although implementation of a reasonable engineering solution to the problem would be easily attainable on the U.S. mainland, there are certain unforeseen challenges that occur in a remote, tropical environment. The talk will describe a slope remediation project from investigation to final stabilization implementation.**

**Prof. Thomas L. Brandon has been a faculty member at Virginia Tech since 1985. He received his BS in Civil Engineering from Clemson University, and his MS and PhD from the University of California at Berkeley. At Virginia Tech, he is the director of the W.C. English Geotechnical Research Laboratory and teaches courses in shear strength, laboratory testing, and earth pressures and foundations.**

**Prof. Brandon's research projects involve shear strength, in situ testing, geosynthetics, and thermal properties of soils. Prof. Brandon has been a consultant for a variety of organizations, and projects that he has worked on include dams and levees, retaining walls, foundations, and embankments. He is a registered professional engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia.**

We know that you will want to attend, so payment may be made by check or cash. All reservations must be honored. Substitutions are allowed.

Please RSVP by September 20<sup>th</sup> to Joan Carlton of IN-SITU Soil Testing, LC by email at [joanmc8@comcast.net](mailto:joanmc8@comcast.net) or by calling 703-473-5356.

Please forward this invitation to other engineers in your firm and copy me so that I may add them to our invitation master list. Thank you for this assistance and hope to see you at The Hotel Roanoke! Joan Carlton