Torsten Kallstenius

Obituaries

Torsten Kallstenius (1910–1979)

Dr Torsten Kallstenius, a most prominent geotechnical engineer in Sweden, died suddenly on December 20, 1979 at the age of 69. He had attended most of the ISSMFE international conferences since the war and was well known as a designer of soil sampling and penetration testing equipment. He was the prime mover in the formation of IGOSS, the International Group on Soil Sampling which preceded the ISSMFE Committee on Soil Sampling.

Dr Kallstenius worked at the Swedish Geotechnical Institute from 1945 to 1963 as head of the Mechanical Engineering Department and was largely responsible for the ingenious machine for installing cardboard wicks to accelerate the consolidation of clays. In 1955 he was awarded the Gold Medal of the Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences for his outstanding contributions to geotechnical engineering. For these he will be long remembered in our profession and his many friends will mourn the passing of a true and good man.

Leif Andréasson (1936–1980)

The sudden death of Dr Leif Andréasson, Director of the Swedish Geotechnical Institute, at the early age of 44 on January 5, 1980 has been a cruel blow to the Swedish geotechnical community and to his wife and young children. A man of immense vitality and warmth he had been in full command until a few days before he died and it is difficult for those who knew him to accept that the news is true.

Dr Andréasson took over as Director of SGI in 1975 on its move to Linköping, some 200 km south of Stockholm. The wisdom of this daring move was questioned by many soils engineers at that time but it is quite evident today that it has been a success, largely due to the great competence of Leif Andréasson and the new course which he mapped out for it. He was not as yet well known to the international soil mechanics community and the loss is ours. He had already taken a prominent part as a member of the Organizing Committee for the tenth Conference where he will be sadly missed.

Recent Publications

Current trends in design and construction of embankment dams

For the seventh ICSMFE in Mexico City in 1969 four State-of-the-Art reports were presented. One of these, on Earth and Rockfill Dams by S. D. Wilson and R. Squier, was up-dated by S. D. Wilson and R. Marsal for the ICOLD Conference in New Delhi in October, 1979 and may be purchased from ASCE, 345 East 47th Street, New York 10017, price \$9.00.