



## The Swedish Foundation Day 2011

For more than 30 years the Foundation Day has been an annual celebration for the Swedish geotechnical engineers. We gather contractors, consultants, entrepreneurs, suppliers, students etc. This year we had 660 participants and around 60 companies in the exhibition.

We are also happy to note that over the last five years there has been an increase of people coming to the Foundation Day from Europe and the Nordic countries. Obviously, international companies in the geotechnical field have focused on this day and have seen its potential.



*1 Happy exhibitors*



*2 Christiane Hof*

We have both Swedish and international lecturers. This year Mr David Sherwood spoke about “Systemic causes for failure of geotechnical works around the world”. A very interesting and thought-provoking lecture. Mrs Christiane Hof from Züblin talked about their work with the Söderström tunnel in central Stockholm.

We had a panel discussion about the implementation of Eurocode 7. Representatives from clients, authorities, contractors and universities talked about their experiences and the advantages and disadvantages with Eurocode compared to the old provisions.

Several awards were presented during the day.

- Mr Roland Fridh, from the city office of Malmö, was elected Best Lecturer by our Gold sponsors. He talked about cement stabilisation of an old landfill in the harbour of Malmö.
- Every year the Swedish Geotechnical society presents award for Best Geotechnical Final Thesis. One Final Thesis from each university was elected to participate in this competition. This year Mr Erik Olofsson-Augustson (Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm) won the award with his work “Field study of the elastic modulus of a lime stabilized sub grade”.
- The Swedish Commission of Pile Research presented the award “the Golden Pile”. The winner was Mr Christer Hermansson (Europile). He was rewarded for his broad and long involvement in the production of piles and construction of piling works as well as for his ability to work with the entrepreneurial and technical skills.

The day ended with a closing banquet at the Grand Hotel in Stockholm. The hotel was built in 1874 and is a classical meeting place in the heart of Stockholm. After an exclusive three course menu, great wines and great entertainment by one of Sweden's top female artists, the guests went home with a smile on their faces, dreaming about next year's event.

More information on our website: [www.grundlaggningsdagen.nu](http://www.grundlaggningsdagen.nu), where you also find a link to a short film on YouTube.



*3 Banquet*

***Maria Åström, Chairman of the Foundation Day Committee***