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## SDAG MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT Wednesday November 20, 2002

# " MICROTUNNELING: A SERIOUS NEED FOR GEOTECHNICAL INFORMATION"

presented by DR. RONALD E. SMITH, PE



Where: TOM HAM's LIGHTHOUSE 2150 Harbor Island Drive, 92101 (619) 291-9110

- When: 6:00 pm Social Hour 7:00 pm – Dinner 8:00 pm – Program
  - **Directions**: Tom Ham's is by the San Diego Airport. Driving towards the Airport on Harbor Drive, Turn LEFT at the light for Harbor Island Drive. Turn RIGHT where the road splits, at the Sheraton. Drive a few blocks to the end of the island and enter the Tom Ham's parking lot.
- Dinner: Dinner Buffet Roast Beef, Fresh Seafood in Season, Pasta Alfredo all served with Salad Bar, Rice and Vegetable, Coffee, Tea, Milk or Soft Drink, Bread and Butter, with Cheese Cake

Cost: \$20.00/person, \$10/student

Reservations: Make your reservation <u>online</u> through the SDAG website at <u>www.sandiegogeologists.org</u> or call the SDAG Reservation Line at: (619) 521-0165, ext. 190, no later than 5PM! Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Contact Margaret Eggers at (619) 521-0165, ext. 132 with any questions. RESERVATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER MONDAY AT 5PM.

#### Microtunneling: A Serious Need For Geotechnical Information

Speaker: Dr. Ronald E. Smith, PE, , Chief Technical Officer, Kleinfelder Inc., Las Vegas NV.

Microtunneling is a rapidly advancing technique for installation of underground utilities. In part, it is coming to the forefront because of the public's dislike for open trench construction methods that cause significant impacts on both nearby businesses and the

traveling public. The irony of microtunneling, compared to the open trench construction that it is often replacing, is that microtunneling requires a considerable amount of geotechnical information whereas trench construction requires only minimal information. Dr. Smith will discuss the general features of microtunnel construction and the subsurface information necessary for sound utilization of this method. Smith recommends the Geotechnical Baseline Report as the preferred method of gathering and disseminating such data.

Dr. Smith has over 30 years experience in the tunneling industry. He is the former Chairman of the AEG Tunneling Committee, was a member of the Executive Committee of the US National Committee for Tunneling Technology, and served as a technical advisor to the Pipe Jacking Committee of the National Utility Contractors Association.

#### 2002 FIELD TRIP - A TERRIFIC SUCCESS!!!

For pictures and more information and Geology, see Phil Farquharson's Web Site at <a href="http://geology-guy.com">http://geology-guy.com</a> and

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It's that time of year again!! Please renew your SDAG membership! A membership form is included in this newsletter. We appreciate your updating your membership ASAP to keep your membership current!! Once again this year we offer the option of email newsletters at a reduced rate. Be sure to note your selection on your renewal form.

# Be an officer of SDAG!!

The new Treasurer will be elected at the December meeting. If you would like to place your name in nomination or know of someone who would consider serving, talk to any SDAG officer: Bob Stroh, Pat Brooks, Monte Murbach or Margaret Eggers. Contribute to your professional community, get to know all the SDAG members and enjoy a rewarding tenure as an SDAG officer.

**DO YOU HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT??** Do you have an event, job opening, field trip or other announcement you would like to share with our members?? Just call or email our SDAG Secretary, Margaret Eggers at 619-521-0165 OR meggers@hargis.com.

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**<u>SDAG Scholarships:</u>** - Scholarship Nominations are in!! The student winners for 2003 will be announced at the 2003 meeting. They will present the results of their research at a dinner meeting during the year.

<u>SDSU Geology Department Seminar Series</u> – Wednesday Afternoons - The seminar announcement page is at: <u>www.geology.sdsu.edu/seminars/</u>

### Upcoming 2002 Meetings:

December	Annual Holiday Meeting,
January, 2003	Qwiigs, Hawaiian Hot Spots and Marine Geophysics

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#### The Purpose

This conference will highlight current research being conducted in instrumented experimental watersheds that is relevant and applicable to the watershed scale. The conference is designed to encourage national and international cooperation and engage stakeholders. Invited speakers from ARS, USGS, USFS, BLM, NSF, EPA and CUAHSI will review their watershed research programs and outline future research direction. Investigators who have completed research on watershed-scale topics such as hydrology, erosion, economics, instrumentation, ecology, sociology, and fire are invited to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations. Abstracts must be submitted by 1 December 2002.

Details are available at <u>http://www.tucson.</u> <u>ars.ag.gov/unit/ICRW.htm</u> or by contacting Susan Moran, USDA ARS Southwest Watershed Research Center at <u>smoran@tucson.ars.ag.gov</u> or 520-670-6380 X171.

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- HARGIS + ASSOCIATES, Inc. San Diego: is looking for a CIVIL ENGINEER. 10 years minimum experience required in soil and groundwater remediation and regulatory interface. Excellent opportunity for an experienced, registered California Civil Engineer. Strong leadership skills required. Excellent salary/benefits and work atmosphere. Send resume to: Kim Stransky, Hargis + Associates, Inc., 2365 Northside Drive, Suite C-100, San Diego, CA. 92108. EOE M/F/D/V. Hargis + Associates is a SDAG Corporate Sponsor. Visit us at <u>www.hargis.com</u>.
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- Job Opening: Field Geologist. 3-7 years of experience. Experience with well drilling, installation and maintenance; core sampling, drilling rig experience and report writing required. Environmental background desirable. Position is in San Diego. Contact Onsite Companies. Contact Russell C. Waehler 619-278-3007 (business line) 619-278-3090 (fax line); rwaehler@onsitecompanies.com.
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