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Young Geo-Professional's Prize 2012 *We have a winner - Robert Harrington*

Robert is a young geotechnical engineer with Cardno Bowler, based in south east Queensland.

He joined Cardno Bowler in 2008 as an "intern" while still studying at university.

He completed his BE Civil degree (with Honours) in 2010.

Robert spends much of his working life in the field, supervising site investigations, and provides input into reporting. Living the "bread and butter" life of a young geotechnical engineer.



Making the final judgement that Robert should be the winner was difficult in that we received a large number of excellent applications for the prize. Several others could easily have taken this trophy.

However, his was an excellent submission. In summary:

- (a) His essay clearly canvassed the two parts:
 - (i) *The current status and value of in situ testing in his working life.*
 - (ii) *His perception of the future of in situ testing in geotechnical site characterisation.*
- (b) His essay managed to cover a lot in the required minimalistic 400-500 words - a large part of the challenge of this competition was "conciseness".

Part One of the prize is that he is sponsored to attend the 9th ANZ Young Geotechnical Professionals' Conference (9YGPC) in Melbourne in July. At the conference he will make a presentation on his winning essay's content.

Part Two is sponsorship to attend the 4th International Conference on Geotechnical and Geophysical Site Characterization (ISC'4) that will be held in Porto de Galinhas, Pernambuco - Brazil, on September 18-21, 2012.

See <http://www.isc-4.com/v2/home/>.



Congratulations Robert - enjoy

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