



# About the Presenters



**Dr. John Powell (Technical Director, Geolabs)** is an Associate at BRE and Technical Director at Geolabs Ltd both in the UK. He obtained his BSc and MSc(Eng) at Imperial College London and his DSc(Eng) from London University. John joined the Building Research Establishment (BRE) where he became involved in projects on the flood embankments of the Thames, foundations for high rise structures, offshore foundations issues including soil sampling and laboratory and field determinations of soil properties for design and these topics have continued throughout his career. He is currently responsible for BRE's research and consultancy in ground property assessment and its use in geotechnical design and is also now leading Geolabs Ltd development and research in the area of advanced laboratory testing. He first became involved with the CPT in 1975 and it and other in situ tests have been a major feature of his work ever since. He sits on many national and international technical and standards committees including that producing the new CEN and ISO standards on CPT/CPTU. He is one of the authors of the well-known book: Cone Penetration Testing in Engineering Practice.



**Dr. Tom Lunne (Expert Advisor, NGI)** is a Technical Expert at the Norwegian Geotechnical Institute (NGI). He is also on the board of directors for the Kuala Lumpur based company NGI-G&P. Mr. Lunne graduated from Heriot-Watt University in Edinburgh (1970), Scotland. After 5 years at NGI he spent one year at University of California, Berkeley (MSc) before going back to NGI. Mr. Lunne was a division manager for some 16 years, but has all the time pursued his main technical interests which have centred around characterization of offshore soils through sampling, laboratory testing and in situ testing. He has conducted a large number of consulting and R&D projects in this field. He is one of the authors of the well-known book: Cone Penetration Testing in Engineering Practice.



**Mr Darren Ward (Managing Director, In Situ Site Investigation)** worked in the specialist field of Cone Penetration Testing (CPTs) for over 20 years. CPTs is a particular type of site investigation and is carried out on the ground before any construction is carried out or a problem develops with the ground.

He has been fortunate to carry out work in many difference environments both onshore and offshore. His aim is to build his own CPT company to a modest size with the values of quality and innovation at its core.



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