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4. Honours and Distinctions presented to IABSE Members Honneurs et distinctions présentés à des membres de l'AIPC Ehrungen und Auszeichnungen an IVBH-Mitglieder

With this column we wish to congratulate our members which have received recently an important distinction and thus give a more personnel character to our IABSE BULLETIN.

We invite all our members to cooperate to this column by sending us appropriate information in English, French or German.

Nous désirons par cette rubrique féliciter nos membres ayant reçu récemment une distinction importante et donner, par là même, un caractère plus personnel à notre BULLETIN AIPC.

Nous invitons nos membres à collaborer à cette rubrique par l'envoi d'informations appropriées en français, allemand ou anglais.

Mit dieser Rubrik möchten wir unseren Mitgliedern gratulieren, die vor kurzer Zeit eine wichtige Auszeichnung erhalten haben. Somit können wir unserem IVBH BULLETIN auch einen persönlicheren Charakter verleihen. Wir laden alle unsere Mitglieder ein, für diese Rubrik entsprechendes Informationsmaterial in Deutsch, Englisch oder Französisch einzusenden.

Prof. **S. A. Mortada** was awarded the State Prize for Science in 1981 in Egypt.

Born in Cairo in 1906, S. A. Mortada graduated as a Civil Engineer from the College of Engineering, Giza, Cairo in 1928 and the University of London in 1934. He received the title Dr. sc. techn., Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, in 1936.

S. A. Mortada worked with the Egyptian State Railways in Cairo from 1928 to 1942 during which time he spent some years with the German and the Swiss Federal Railways.

From 1942 he took part in establishing the new University of Alexandria and its Faculty of Engineering. He founded the Structural Engineering Department and has been Professor of Reinforced Concrete since. He presided over the committees of the Egyptian codes of practice for reinforced and

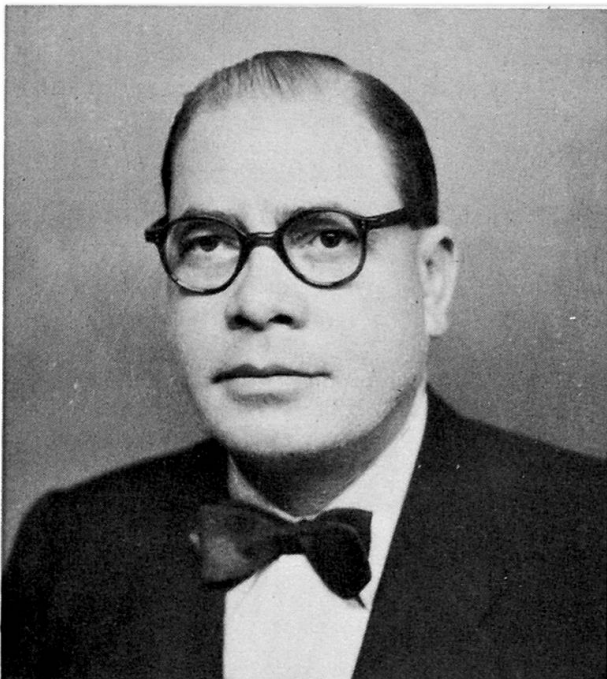
prestressed concrete, as well as research groups in the Egyptian Academy of Science and Technology. From 1971 to 1980 he was a member of the Board of Directors of the Egyptian State Railways. He is also the Vice-President of the Group of Structural Engineers, in the Society of Egyptian Engineers.

Fritz-Schumacher-Preis für Ingenieurbau an Christian Menn. Die Stiftung F.V.S. zu Hamburg hat die Fritz-Schumacher-Stiftung geschaffen, um hervorragende Leistungen im Städtebau, im Hochbau, im Ingenieurbau in der Landschaft und in der Landschaftsgestaltung auszuzeichnen.

Auf einstimmigen Beschluss des Preiskuratoriums verlieh der Rektor der Technischen Universität Hannover den Preis für Ingenieurbau der Fritz-Schumacher-Stiftung für das Jahr 1982 an **Christian Menn**, Professor für Baustatik und Konstruktion an der ETH Zürich.

Die Ehrung gilt dem Brückeningenieur für seine fortschrittlichen Entwürfe kühner Brücken, die sich durch Schönheit und harmonische Einfügung in seine Schweizer Heimat auszeichnen. Sie gilt auch seinen Verdiensten um eine verständliche Lehre der Brückenbaukunst. Prof. Menn hat mehrere durch ihre Konstruktion, Gestaltung und Einfügung in die Landschaft herausragende Brücken gebaut, so verschiedene elegante Bogenbrücken im Kanton Graubünden, die Felsenaubücke in Bern und die viel beachtete Ganterbrücke der neuen Simplon-Pass-Strasse.

Zdenek P. Bazant, Professor and Director of Center for Concrete and Geomaterials at Northwestern University, received, together with research engineer Samuel Meiri, the IR-100 award from Industrial Research and Development. The award was made for the design of a new, unique triaxial-torsional high-temperature testing machine for concrete and rock, produced at Structural Behavior Engineering Laboratories, Phoenix, Arizona, under the direction of John D. Hess and Anthony Kersh.



S. A. Mortada

Hajime Okamura, professor of civil engineering at University of Tokyo, was awarded the JSCE prize for his papers on the shear of reinforced concrete beams on 24th May 1982. This prize is given to the best papers in the field of civil engineering in Japan every year. Prof. Okamura was also awarded for his outstanding paper on shear and fatigue of reinforced concrete beams in 1982 from the Japan Concrete Institute.

Prof. Okamura obtained his doctor at the University of Tokyo in 1966 and has been a faculty member since then. He spent one and a half years at the University of Texas at Austin and one year at Leeds University on post doctoral work. He has written many scientific articles on fatigue and shear of reinforced concrete members, and authored a book on "Limit State Design of Concrete Structures". Prof. Okamura is a member of working commission III of IABSE.

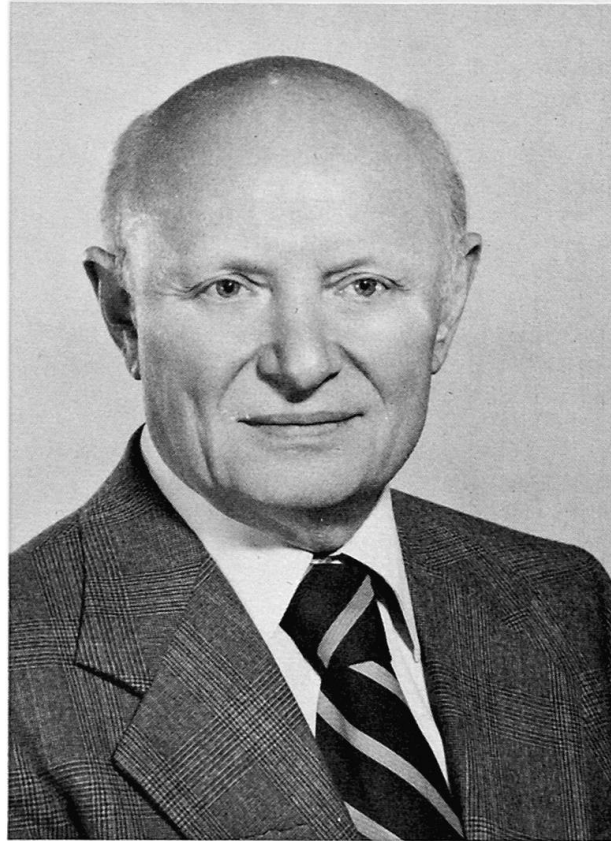


Hajime Okamura

The 1981 T. R. Higgins Lectureship Award has been presented to Dr. **Theodore V. Galambos**.

Dr. Galambos, former chairman of the Structural Stability Research Council from 1970 to 1974, served as chairman of the Scientific Committee for the IABSE Symposium in Washington, DC, 1982. Born in Budapest, Hungary, Dr. Galambos came to the United States in 1948 and received the Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of North Dakota. He received a Ph.D. from Lehigh University in 1959, and served on the Lehigh faculty from 1959 to 1965. He has been a member of the Washington University faculty

from 1965 till 1981. He is now Professor of Civil Engineering at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN.



Egor P. Popov

Egor P. Popov received the ASCE 1981 Nathan M. Newmark Medal.

A student of the late Theodore von Karman and Stephen Timoshenko, Prof. Popov has been a faculty member in the civil engineering department at the University of California at Berkeley since 1946. He came there after nearly nine years of experience in the fields of structural engineering and jet propulsion. Prior to that he had earned a bachelor's degree from U.C. Berkeley, went to MIT for a master's, then to Stanford for a Ph.D.

While at U.C. Berkeley, together with his students and colleagues, Dr. Popov has generated over 180 technical papers and reports. As a by-product of his teaching, he has also written two highly successful books: *Mechanics of Materials* (1952, 2nd ed. 1976), and *Introduction to Mechanics of Solids* (1968; MKS version, 1973). These books have been translated into eight languages.

As a result of these accomplishments, he has received numerous awards. Dr. Popov has also been elected to the National Academy of Engineering in 1976 for "contributions in mechanics of solids and the inelastic cyclic behavior of structural systems".