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Obituary – Nécrologie – Nachruf

In Memoriam Prof. Ferdinand Campus

Professor Ferdinand Campus passed away on April 20, 1983. The funeral ceremony was attended by the immediate family.

Born on February 14, 1894 in Brussels, Ferdinand Campus studied at the Polytechnical School of the University in Brussels. In 1914, he obtained his degree as civil engineer. From the University of Liège he obtained a degree in electrical engineering in 1919. After two years as an engineer in the Belgian Highway Administration, he was nominated technical director for public roads, railways and postal services in the Sarre territory from 1920-1926. In 1925, Ferdinand Campus was elected Professor at the Technical Faculty of the University of Liège, in charge of the newly founded Institute for Structural Engineering. He then created the Testing Laboratory for Structural Engineering, Construction and River Hydraulics. Professor Campus was active at the University of Liège until 1964. He was also the Dean of the University of Liège from 1950-1953. In addition to his numerous tasks as professor, Ferdinand Campus was very active in the management and the development of the University.

Ferdinand Campus had a very active and creative scientific career. He presented papers at and attended many conferences. He has written numerous papers on the structural analysis of reinforced concrete, on the strength and durability of concrete, on steel structures, on welded structures, on the strength of materials, on stability problems in hydraulic structures and dams, on foundation engineering, on highway engineering and on material testing. Professor Campus received many honorary degrees. He was made a doctor honoris causa of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, of the University of Cambridge and of the University of Brussels. He has been a member of numerous commissions and associations, national and international: ACI, ASTM, ASCE, RILEM, CEB and IABSE.



Ferdinand Campus †

Ferdinand Campus attended the foundation meeting of the International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering in Zurich on October 29, 1929. He was a Board Member and a Technical Adviser since 1929. In 1946, in Brussels, Professor Ferdinand Campus was elected Vice-President of the IABSE. He remained a Vice-President until 1957 and upon his resignation was made an honorary member of the Association. Ferdinand Campus was in charge of the organization of the 3rd Congress of IABSE in Liège in 1948.

With the passing away of Professor Campus, the Association has lost a very active personality and the last Board Member to survive the foundation of the IABSE in 1929.