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## Professor Dr. Fritz Leonhardt's 80th Birthday Anniversary

Professor Dr. **Fritz Leonhardt** celebrated his 80th birthday anniversary on July 11, 1989. A Jubilee Colloquium was held at Stuttgart, on July 13, 1989, and many of his students presented some of their work on this special occasion.

IABSE is proud to count Professor Leonhardt as one of its longstanding and most active members. We are glad to know Prof. Leonhardt in good health and we wish to present him further happiness, health and creative work.

## News from IABSE Members

A look in the Membership statement presented in the last IABSE BULLETIN shows, at the beginning of 1989, that IABSE has 2594 individual members (out of a total of 3125 members). There should be a number of interesting things, that our members could tell others about their activities. The columns of YOUR BULLETIN are widely open:

- to give more personal notes
- to exchange news, views, ask questions, etc.

This issue presents some of the most important persons in the IABSE community: Chairmen of National Groups. The gentlemen presented hereafter have been recently elected to their new position: they are very often in contact with IABSE Committees and Secretariat, are very well known in their countries and abroad. But we feel it of interest to introduce them to the full membership.

How are IABSE National Groups organized?

In almost anyway they wish! IABSE by-laws are very loose on this point, as our Association is mainly an association of individuals, who may organize themselves in National Groups, Groups which may have or may not have financial or secretarial support, allowing them to be active. Each National Groups has, therefore, a different degree of activity. We hope, in future issues, to report also on them.

Having now a full-time Editor for IABSE publications, with Ms. Claudia Gründler, we would like our members and readers to contact Ms. Gründler for submitting technical articles or news about their activities, experiences, careers, and so on. We shall be glad to publish such information, making our communication more personal and lively.

*Alain Golay  
Executive Director*

## New Chairmen of National Groups of IABSE

### Professor W. Oberndorfer, Chairman of the Austrian Group

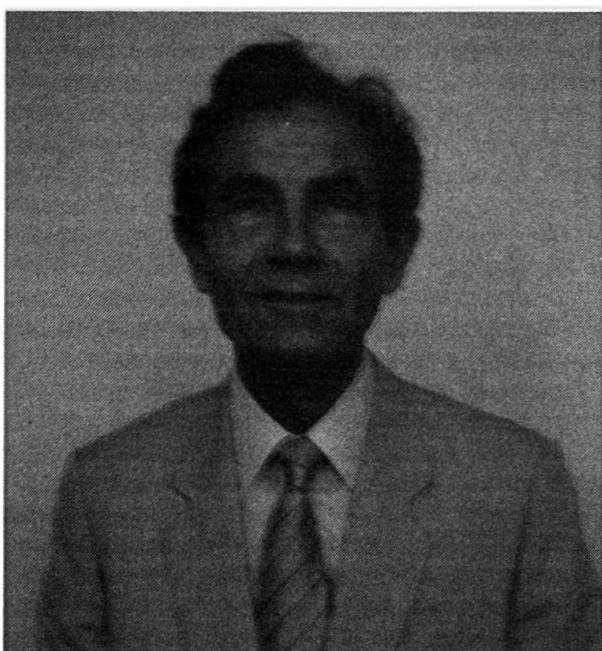
Wolfgang J. Oberndorfer was born 1941 in Upper Austria and spent his school years there until 1959. At that time he enrolled at the Technical University of Vienna and studied Civil Engineering, majoring in Construction Technology. 1964 he left Vienna for Berkeley (California), where he earned his Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 1965. From then until 1981 he was employed in the Austrian construction industry. 1966 he received his doctoral degree and in 1975 the *venia legendi* was awarded for a work on information systems in the construction industry.

In 1981 he became full professor for Construction Management and Construction Economics at the Technical University of Vienna.

His research work centers on topics like standard conditions for contracts in civil engineering, information systems in public authorities and quasi-public companies, simulation of the construction market under competition and use of PCs in construction industry. About 60 articles and papers in journals have come from his hand, and 3 books. Professor Oberndorfer succeeded to Professor Alfred Pauser as Chairman of the Austrian Group of IABSE in 1987.



*Wolfgang J. Oberndorfer*


**David Quinon, Chairman of the British Group**

**David Quinon**

David W. Quinon is a BSc, F. Eng, FICE, FIStruct E. and Graduate of London University.

He made early site experience on steelworks, airfield, power stations, tunnels, industrial plants and design experience with Oscar Faber practice.

For fourteen years with Taylor Woodrow he worked as a chief engineer on Europe's first 600 MW power station. As a chief civil engineer he has been responsible for the development and the design of early nuclear power stations and the contractual realisation of Hinkley Point and Sizewell Stations. As a contracts manager he has rebuilt Euston Railway Station, three miles of under-water tunnels and cooling water systems and various industrial projects.

In Tarmac Construction David Quinon has been for 21 years company chief engineer and now is working as a consultant. The annual turnover amounts to over £ 750 million. He has been responsible for the company's technical development and technical performance directing a central engineering department.

In addition David Quinon is involved in national activities and organisations such as Institution of Civil and Structural Engineers, Federation Civil Engineering Contractors, CIRIA, Agrément Board, Building Research Establishment, British Standards Institution, Council for National Academic Awards, Concrete Society and Certification Bodies for Quality Assurance of Reinforcing Steels and Ready Mixed Concrete.

He has lectured on many engineering, quality and training subjects, drafted the Code of Practice for Falsework and produced guides on other construction topics.

In the Working Commission IV of IABSE, David Quinon has been a member since 1979 and has been given the chair in 1984. In spring 1989, he was elected Chairman of the British Group, succeeding to Bernard P. Wex.

**Professor M. Brainov, Chairman of the Bulgarian Group**

At the Higher Institute of Architecture and Civil Engineering Professor Dr. Milcho Brainov held various lecturing, scientific and leading positions since 1950. From 1966 to 1988 he was Head of the Department «Metal, Timber and Plastic Structures». His scientific and research work can be found in more than one hundred publications including books, monographs, etc. Since 1984 Professor Brainov is Chairman of the Scientific Council on Structural Engineering of the State Higher Testimonial Committee.

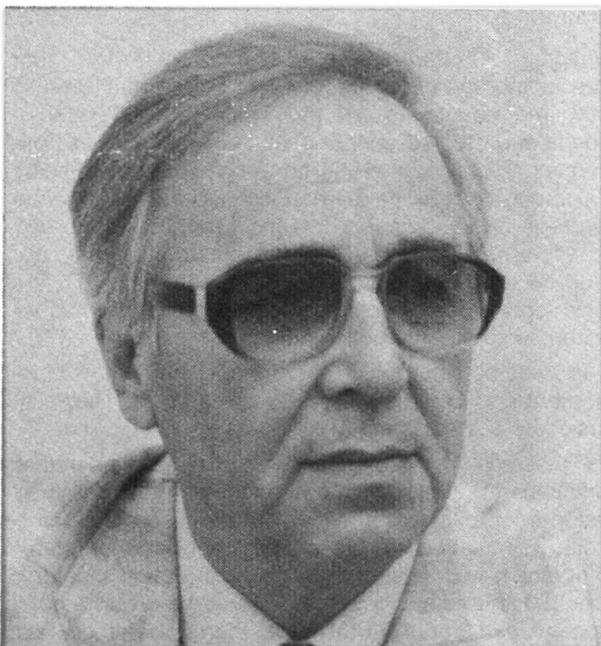
The practical experience of Professor Brainov covers on supervising and handling over 50 very important projects in Bulgaria, for example the Danube Bridge from Bulgaria to Romania.

In addition to this he is in charge of State and Public activities: From 1963 to 1964 he was Head of the Department of the State Committee for Construction and Architecture, from 1969 to 1972 Deputy Minister of Education, subsequently Vice President of the State Committee for Culture and from 1983 to today he is Chancellor in the Council of Ministers.

At the same time as member and chairman Professor Milcho Brainov appoints to various public and state committees and authorities which are involved with science, education, culture and structural engineering.

Professor Brainov furthermore is much engaged in international activities. For more than twelve years he is the national representative of the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat. Since 1983 he is one of the Vice Presidents of the Executive Committee of IABSE. Since 1989 he is acting as a liaison person for the International Decade for Natural Hazard Reduction.

The Bulgarian Group of IABSE has been established in 1989, as the number of Bulgarian members has actually reached 6.


**Milcho Brainov**

**Professor A. Jutila, Chairman of the Finnish Group**

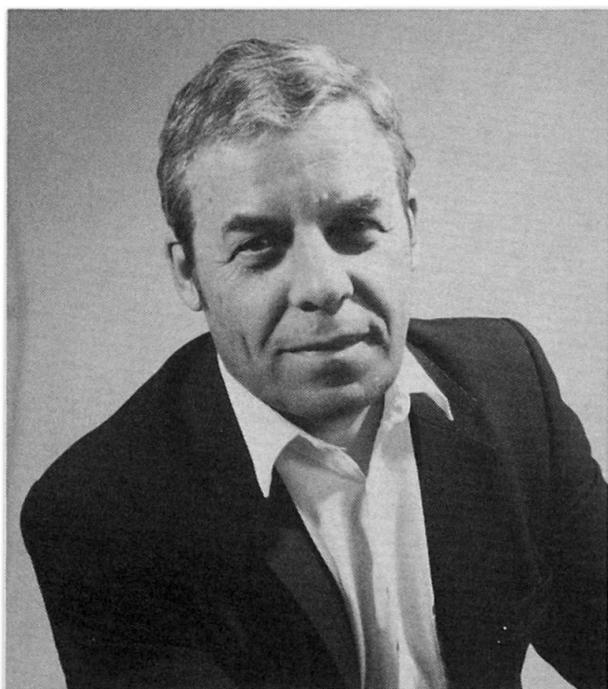
Succeeding to Mr. K. Widbom, Professor Dr. A. E. Jutila is since 1989 the Chairman of the Finnish Group of IABSE.

Born in 1949 in Helsinki, Aarne Evert Jutila received his civil engineering degree at the Helsinki University of Technology, Department of Civil Engineering: Diploma Engineer (M.Sc.) 1966, Licentiate of Technology 1982, Doctor of Technology 1985.

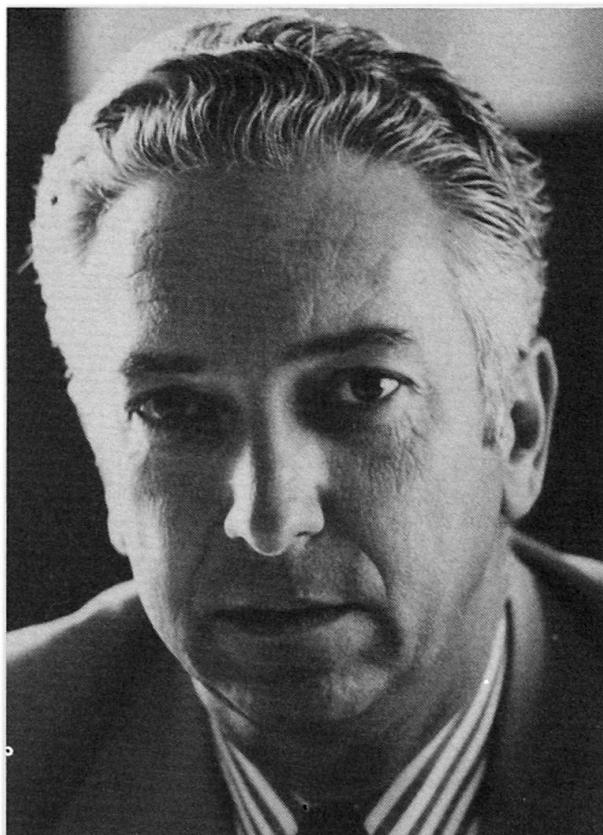
Specialising in bridge and structural engineering, he has worked for different consulting engineering companies in Finland and Sweden. For two one-year periods Aarne Jutila had research and lecture assignments abroad: at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich (1966 – 1967) and the Queen's University of Belfast, Northern Ireland (1969 – 1970). Dr. Jutila had also experience with the State Institute for Technical Research at Otaniemi and the National Board of Roads and Waterways Administration at Helsinki.

Having joined in 1976 the Department of Civil Engineering of the Helsinki University of Technology at Otaniemi, Dr. Aarne Jutila has been Professor of Civil Engineering since 1984. He was made Full Professor in 1988. Up till now Dr. Jutila has been a member of the Design Team for over 140 bridges as well as for other structures. He has also published numerous books and articles on bridge engineering.

A member of the main Finnish Engineering Associations (RIL, STS, SNIL), Professor Jutila is a member of IABSE since 1967. Enthusiastic about the Association, he served as Secretary of the Finnish Group of IABSE from 1972 to 1988, being a member of IABSE Permanent Committee since 1985. Aarne Jutila has been very instrumental in the invitation to IABSE – and in the organisation – of its 13<sup>th</sup> Congress in Helsinki in June 1988.



*Aarne Jutila*

**Jacques Mathivat, Chairman of the French Group**

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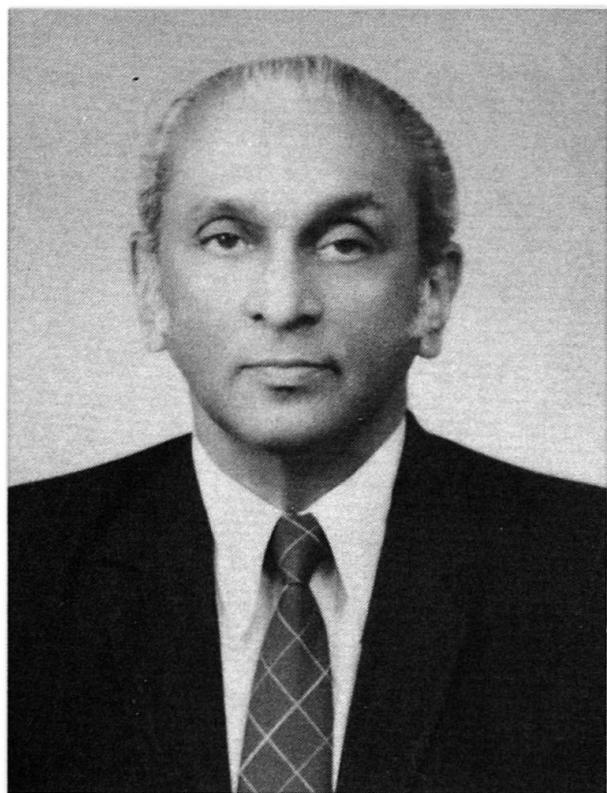
Born in 1932, Jacques Mathivat has received his engineering degrees from Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Travaux Publics de Paris and Ecole Nationale Supérieure du Pétrole et des Moteurs. For many years he has been working with «Campenon-Bernard», of which he was the Director of the Design Office.

Mr. Jacques Mathivat has a great professional experience in designing and building prestressed concrete bridges, as for instance the cable-stayed bridge of Brotonne, which with a span of 320 meters, is presently one of the longest concrete span for cable-stayed bridges, worldwide. In 1978 he founded his own design office SECOA (Société d'Etudes et de Calculs en Ouvrages d'Art). Mr. Jacques Mathivat is Technical Director of the French Association for Reinforced Concrete and Industrialized Techniques (SNBATI). He has been involved as expert for the European Economic Community, in particular for the establishment of the model code for concrete. Mr. Mathivat has a long standing experience as a Professor at the top French Institutes of Technology (Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées, Ecole Supérieure des Travaux Publics). Author of numerous articles and communications, as well as books, Mr. Mathivat has received international awards for his designs or for his publications. Mr. Mathivat, French Delegate to the CEB, is Vice President of IABSE.

He succeeded in 1988 to Mr. Roger Lacroix as Chairman of the French Group.



**Ninan Koshi, Chairman of the Indian Group**



*Ninan Koshi*

Born on 22nd March, 1936, Mr. Ninan Koshi graduated in Civil Engineering from the College of Engineering, Trivandrum in 1957. He entered the Central Engineering Service (Roads) Class I of the Government of India in 1959. Since then he has been working in the Bridges Directorate of the Ministry of Surface Transport in various capacities dealing with planning, design and construction of a large number of prestressed concrete and other types of bridges in the various States of the country. In 1977, he went to the University of Maryland, USA, under a UNDP Fellowship after which he toured extensively in that country studying the latest developments in design and construction of bridges. He became Chief Engineer (Bridges) in 1981 and in June 1988 he has taken over as Additional Director General (Bridges) in the Ministry of Surface Transport. From 1983 to 1988 he also worked as Secretary, Indian Roads Congress, the most important professional body of highway engineers in the country, which lays down all standards, specifications and codes for bridges and roads in India. In this capacity, he was Ex-Officio member of all Committees and Sub-Committees of the Indian Roads Congress and Highway Research Board. He is now the Convenor of the Bridge Specifications and Standards Committees and Reinforced, Prestressed and Composite Concrete Committee of the Indian Roads Congress. He was Leader of India's delegation to the 13<sup>th</sup> Congress of the IABSE held at Helsinki 1988. He was elected as Chairman, Indian National Group of the IABSE from the 5<sup>th</sup> July, 1988.

**Artur Ravara, Chairman of the Portuguese Group**

Mr. Artur Ravara succeeded in 1987 to Professor Julio Ferry Borges as Chairman of the Portuguese Group of IABSE. Mr. Ravara is the Chairman of the Organizing Committee of the IABSE Symposium in Lisbon, September 1989.

Artur Pinto Ravara, born in 1938, has received his civil engineering degree from the Technical University of Lisbon, and his Research Degrees from the National Laboratory of Civil Engineering (LNEC) in Lisbon. Since 1984, Mr. Ravara is Director of LNEC.

Mr. Ravara is actively participating in National, European and International Associations, such as the European Association of Earthquake Engineering – of which he is the President since 1986 – or the International Association for Earthquake Engineering – of which he is the Director since 1988. Mr. Ravara has been involved in research activities in structural dynamics, namely earthquake engineering, aerodynamics and vibrations in structures and industrial installations. Mr. Ravara also did research work on building pathology and rehabilitation, construction quality, and the use of informatics in civil engineering and in the building industry.

He has published over a hundred articles and has lectured at Conferences, Seminars and Courses in Portugal, Europe, Africa and South America. Active as a consulting engineer – Chairman of a Structural Design Company in Lisbon – Mr. Ravara is mainly concerned with building bridges, industrial plants and the like in Portugal and abroad.



*Artur Ravara*

**Martin Hartenbach, Chairman of the Swiss Group**

Mr. Martin Hartenbach was elected Chairman of the Swiss Group of IABSE on the occasion of the yearly Meeting of the Swiss Group held in Zurich in September 1988. He succeeded to Mr. Walter A. Schmid who retired after 15 years of Chairmanship.

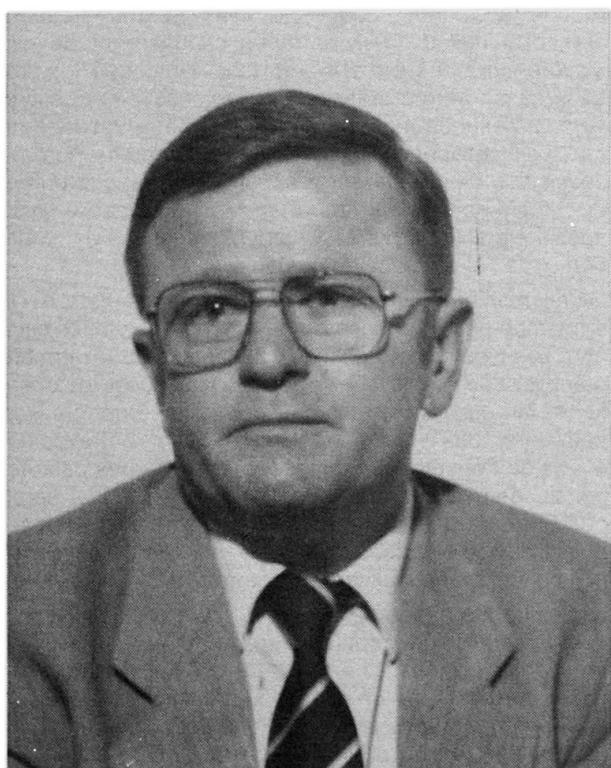
Mr. Hartenbach, the son of a consulting engineer and also an active member of IABSE, was born in Bern in 1938. He received his civil engineering diploma from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH Zurich) in 1964. His diploma thesis was carried out under the supervision of the Honorary President of IABSE, Professor Thürlmann.

From 1964 to 1974 Martin Hartenbach worked in the consulting engineering offices of his father in Bern and Saint-Blaise (NE), where he was specifically engaged in the design and construction of prestressed concrete and composite steel construction for bridges and industrial buildings.

Since 1975 he has been a partner of the consulting engineering office Hartenbach & Wenger in Bern and Saint-Blaise (NE).

In 1983 Martin Hartenbach founded the consulting engineers offices «GHHV» in Saint-Blaise (NE) and Tramelan (BE), together with the consulting engineers Mr. P. Gorgé, Mr. B. Houriet and Mr. A. Vaucher. A further office was founded in Délémont (JU) in 1987.

Martin Hartenbach has also fulfilled tasks within the IABSE: member of the Permanent Committee and auditor of the Association since 1983. In the Swiss Society of Engineers and Architects (SIA) he is a member of the Executive Committee of the group for bridges and structural engineering.



**Martin Hartenbach**

**Loring A. Wyllie, Chairman of the USA Group**

**Loring A. Wyllie, Jr.**

Loring A. Wyllie, Jr., appointed Chairman of the US Group of IABSE in 1988 – to succeed to Mr. Gerard F. Fox – is a consulting structural engineer from San Francisco, California. He is Chairman of the Board of his firm, H.J. Degenkolb Associates, Engineers, and consults to many corporations and government agencies in the United States.

One of his areas of expertise is earthquake engineering and he has visited many earthquake sites to study structural performance. He was Co-Team Leader of the US Group to Soviet Armenia in December 1988 to study the causes of the destruction in that area.

Mr. Wyllie is Past President of the Structural Engineers Association of California. He is a long-standing member of the American Concrete Institute's Building Code Committee as well as many other professional committees in the United States.

He is a Past Director of the American Concrete Institute and the Earthquake Engineering Research Institute as well as Past President of the San Francisco Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He is currently a member of Working Commission III – Reinforced Concrete, of IABSE.