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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