

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Z. P. BAZANT OF NORTHWESTERN TO HEAD INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

EVANSTON, IL—Zdenek P. Bazant, Walter P. Murphy Professor of Civil Engineering at Northwestern University, has been elected president of the newly formed International Association of Fracture Mechanics of Concrete Structures (IA FraMCoS).

The formation of the association and the election of officers took place on 19 June at Noordwijk, the Netherlands. Some 30 leading experts in fracture mechanics from 12 different countries were in attendance.

According to Bazant, the overall goal of the association is to promote research on fracture mechanics and to introduce fracture mechanics concepts into the design practice of concrete structures. The principle activity of the association will be to organize periodic international conferences on the subject of fracture mechanics, he said. The first international conference of the new association will be organized by Northwestern University and will be held 1-5 June 1992, in Breckenridge, CO.

IA FraMCoS will have its headquarters in Evanston, and will be incorporated under Illinois law. Also elected to the IA FraMCoS governing body was a secretary, Dr B. I. G. Barr of University College, Cardiff, Wales, and a coordinator, Professor Folker Wittmann, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, Switzerland.

Bazant is a recognized expert in the areas of engineering mechanics and fracture mechanics. He was instrumental in setting up the 63-member International Scientific Advisory committee that formally organized as IA FraMCoS in Noordwijk.

(Editor's note: Bazant is a resident of Kenilworth, IL)

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