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### IABSE Awards 2011 Announced

The International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering (IABSE) is pleased to announce the Laureates for the IABSE Awards 2011:

**Honorary Membership** will be presented to Jacques Combault, France, *“in high appreciation of his outstanding and dedicated service to the Association, in particular as President of IABSE from 2007 to 2010”*. He joined IABSE in 1987 and since then has been very engaged within the Association: First member, later Chair of Working Commission 3 on ‘Concrete Structures’ and Member of the Technical Committee of IABSE (1997-2001); Member of numerous Scientific and Organising Committees for IABSE Conferences; Chair of the Scientific Committee 2005 IABSE Symposium in Lisbon; Vice-President of IABSE and subsequently President of IABSE (2007-2010). Jacques Combault continues his engagement within IABSE currently as a Co-Chair of the Scientific Committee for the 2012 IABSE Conference in Cairo and Member of the IABSE Advisory Board.

**The International Award of Merit in Structural Engineering** underlines the importance of the work done by engineers. It is conferred for outstanding contributions in the field of structural engineering, with special reference to their usefulness to society. The 2011 International Award of Merit will be conferred to Leslie E. Robertson, USA, whose work in the realm of tall buildings is unsurpassed. A global innovator, his theories and work on skyscrapers, museums, bridges, and long-span roofs, provide practical technological breakthroughs which transformed architects’ and developers’ dreams into buildable concepts. Shown in his concern for beauty, culture, technical innovation and the environment he receives the award *“for forging the future of structural engineering through inspirational designs which render architectural dreams into reality”*.

**The IABSE Prize** will be presented to Yongxin Yang, China, Associate Professor and Deputy Director of the Wind Tunnel Laboratory in the State Key Laboratory for Disaster Reduction in Civil Engineering, Tongji University, Shanghai. He receives this distinction *“for his outstanding contribution to bridge engineering through his research work, in particular in wind resistance study on long-span bridges”*. The Prize honours a Member early in his or her career for an outstanding achievement in the field of structural engineering, in Research, Design or Construction.

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**The Outstanding Paper Award** is remitted each year to the author(s) of a paper published in the preceding year's issues of the IABSE quarterly *Journal Structural Engineering International (SEI)*, encouraging and rewarding contributions of the highest quality. The Award goes to the paper "*The Aerodynamic Behaviour of the Deck of Stonecutters Bridge, Hong Kong*", by Michael C.H. Hui and Doris M.S. Yau, Hong Kong, China, published in *Structural Engineering International (SEI)*, February 2010.

**The Outstanding Structure Award (OStrA)** will be conferred to the Burj Khalifa Tower, Dubai, United Arab Emirates for being "*an aesthetically striking super tall building that utilizes a Y-shaped buttressed concrete core and a stepped, spiraling vertical shape to address never before seen structural requirements and achieve a record setting height*". This Award is one of the highest distinctions awarded by IABSE and recognises, in different regions of the world, some of the most remarkable, innovative, creative, or otherwise stimulating structures, but not necessarily the largest, longest, highest, or otherwise record-breaking structures. Sustainability and respect of the environment is also an important factor.

The Outstanding Structure Award Finalists were:

- Moses Mabhida 2010 Soccer Stadium, Durban, South Africa
- Pont Gustave Flaubert Lift Bridge, Rouen, France
- Stonecutters Bridge, Hong Kong, China

*The International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering (IABSE) comprises 4'000 members in 100 countries. Founded in 1929, IABSE deals with all aspects of planning, design, construction, maintenance and repair of civil engineering structures. To fulfil its mission, IABSE organises conferences and publishes a quarterly journal, Structural Engineering International, as well as books and reports. The Association has a number of technical groups and presents awards in recognition of outstanding contributions in the domain of structural engineering.*

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