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Júlio Ferry Borges elected Honorary Member of IABSE

At the opening of the Symposium 'Durability of Structures' in Lisbon on September 6, 1989, the President of IABSE presented Professor Dr. h. c. Júlio Ferry Borges with the Honorary Membership in appreciation of the eminent services rendered to the Association and for his contributions to the development of international technical co-operation.

Júlio Ferry Borges, born in 1922, is one of the founders of the Laboratório Nacional de Engenharia Civil (LNEC) in Lisbon, Portugal. At the LNEC he was at first head of the Structures Department, finally director. Currently he is president of the Advisory Council. His chief contributions to research concern structural analysis, mainly in the field of structural concrete and earthquake engineering, as well as probabilistic reliability and quality assurance.

He designed important concrete structures in Lisbon, such as the Fish Market, the National Theater, the Court of Justice and the Bank Espírito Santo. He was also

consultant for the design and construction of the famous suspension bridge over the river Tagus.

Júlio Ferry Borges has published more than 150 papers and is active in several international associations. Noteworthy is his position as president of the 'Joint Committee on Structural Safety', a commission created by the international organisations CEB, CIB, ECCS, FIP, IABSE, IASS and RILEM.

Doctor honoris causa of the Technical University of Lisbon he was invited to give post-graduate courses on probabilistic reliability, quality assurance and loads on structures. Founder of the Portuguese Society of Prestressing and Earthquake Engineering, he is also a member of the Academy of Sciences of Lisbon.

In 1985 IABSE presented the International Award of Merit in Structural Engineering to Júlio Ferry Borges in recognition of his contributions to the reliability of structures and quality assurance.

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