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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Dr Kourosh Kayvani Recipient of the 2006 IABSE Prize**

Dr Kourosh Kayvani, Australia, has been conferred the 2006 IABSE Prize “in recognition of his contributions to advanced analysis and innovative design of major long-span structures worldwide”. Prof. Manfred A Hirt, President of IABSE, presented him the Award at the Opening Session of the IABSE Symposium ‘Responding to Tomorrow’s Challenges in Structural Engineering’ on September 13, 2006.

Kourosh Kayvani born in 1966, obtained his PhD in 1997 at the University of New South Wales, Australia. Today Kourosh Kayvani heads the Advanced Analysis Group at the consulting engineering firm Connell Wagner.

Recent examples of Kourosh Kayvani’s work in long-span structures include the concept designs for an Aquarium in Vladivostok, Russia, and a Velodrome in Qatar. Since 1998 he has been involved in various stages of design and construction of the arch and roof of the new Wembley Stadium in London, beginning with the concept structural design in 1998-1999, leading to a role as principal structural engineer (2000-2002) and engineering team leader during the construction phase (2003-2006). He also worked as lead design verifier for the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground. He was also the structural designer of the Sydney Olympics Hockey Centre and the Sydney Olympics Baseball Stadium. In the early 1990s he worked on structural engineering of two major Indonesian cable-supported bridges, Batam Bridge and Barito Bridge.

In 2003 Dr Kayvani delivered the annual lecture to the Singapore Structural Steel Society on the topic of “Advances in Long-Span Steel Structures” as well as the keynote address at ASSCCA’03 in Sydney on “Cable Supported Roof Structures.” He is the author of numerous papers in professional journals and conferences.

Kourosh Kayvani is the President of Lightweight Structures Association of Australasia, a regular guest lecturer at the University of Sydney, and a member of the Australian Code Committees on Wind Loads & Concrete Structures.



*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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