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2007 Anton Tedesko Medal conferred to: John C. Badoux, Switzerland

Professor John C. Badoux, Switzerland, has been conferred the Anton Tedesko Medal 2007 by the IABSE Foundation 'in recognition of his dedication to excellence in structural engineering and his role as mentor for young engineers'. Mr Anton Steffen, Member of the Foundation Council, presented the Award to him at the Opening of the IABSE Symposium 'Improving Infrastructure Worldwide, bringing People Closer' in Weimar, Germany.

The Award has two components: the first is a medal awarded to the Laureate in recognition of his contribution to the advancement of structural engineering. The second part is a sum of 25'000 Swiss Francs to be used by the Laureate in order to organise and finance a study leave abroad for a young engineer (Fellow) with prestigious engineering firms.

A Swiss citizen, John C. Badoux was born in 1935. He obtained his Master degree in civil engineering from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, in 1958. He received his PhD from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, USA in 1965.

Before leaving to the USA, John C. Badoux started his professional career as chief engineer for prestressed, precast concrete constructions with a Swiss company. In the USA he was also involved in design and construction projects for private firms and the American Government. Back in Switzerland, from 1967 until today, he has been Technical Advisor and Expert for over one hundred construction projects in Switzerland and other countries. He was an expert for the investigation of several structural failures and accidents in construction and industrial complexes in Europe, Asia, Africa and America.

Professor Badoux had an outstanding career in teaching and research, first at Lehigh University, then at the University of California, Davis, USA, and then as Professor at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne, Switzerland. He was the Director of the Institute for Steel Structures (ICOM), then President of the 'Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne'. He has acted as President of the Swiss Network for Innovation. Since 4 years until date, Prof. Badoux is giving important support to Kathmandu University in Nepal, for the creation of a centre of excellence in production and distribution of electricity and is Advisor to the Vice-Chancellor of the University. He is Board member of the Karlsruhe Technical University, Research Institute of Technology in Germany and Board member in two Swiss consulting companies.



Prof. Badoux has been extremely active during his whole career in learned societies and professional associations. He was i.e. President of the 'Swiss Academy of Engineering Sciences and of the Swiss Society of Engineers and Architects'.

Within IABSE, he has since 1977 contributed to numerous Committees. Thanks to his enthusiastic and energetic leadership as a Chair of the IABSE Foundation from 1998 and 2003, objectives of the Foundation for the Advancement of Structural Engineering were achieved with programmes such as, the distribution of technical literature to Universities in economically less favoured countries and the Anton Tedesko Medal which engages the Laureate to organise a study leave for a promising young engineer.

The 'IABSE Foundation for the Advancement of Structural Engineering' was founded in 1993 as a non-profit, tax-exempt institution according to the Laws of the Canton of Zurich, Switzerland, to solicit, receive and provide funds to promote the aims and activities of the International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering. The Foundation aims to promote the IABSE objective of encouraging exchange between theory and practice, research and education, decision makers and the public. To this end the Foundation receives, raises and provides funds for special IABSE activities, education programmes and other activities consistent with the objectives of IABSE. The Foundation is managed by a self-governing Foundation Council.

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