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Honorary Membership presented to Prof. Paul Grundy, Australia

IABSE Honorary Membership was awarded to Prof. Paul Grundy in 2006 ‘in high appreciation of his outstanding services to the association in several committees, in particular as key person for the 2002 IABSE Symposium in Melbourne, for his eminent role in providing a link with Australia and for his personal engagement for the Joint Working Commission for Disaster Reduction on Coasts’. The Award was officially presented to him on September 19, 2007 by Manfred A. Hirt, President of the IABSE, in Weimar, Germany at the Opening Session of this years IABSE Symposium

Paul Grundy obtained his PhD in 1961 at the University of Cambridge, UK and then gained practical experience in design offices for ten years. He then returned to academia to serve Monash University for more than 30 years. He held the offices of Associate Professor at the Department of Civil Engineering, Chair Professor of Structural Engineering and was Head of Department from 1996-1998. In 2001, after retiring from Monash University, Paul Grundy was nominated Professor Emeritus.

Inquiries from industry lead him to his now central interest, the lifetime performance of structures in hostile environments. Extensive research in fatigue, incremental collapse, corrosion and risk assessment has resulted in many publications, and more significantly, useful advice to industry. After his retirement he continued consulting in relation to structural integrity of ageing bridges and infrastructure affected by fatigue and corrosion, and subjected to heavier duty. In particular he provides continuing advice on West Gate Bridge, now carrying 10'000 vehicles a day, and has provided advice on wrought iron heritage bridges.

Paul Grundy was elected Chair of the Australian Group in 1999. He has ‘strengthened the ties’ between structural engineers in Australia and IABSE, hosting the IABSE Symposium in Melbourne in 2002. He served as Chair of the Scientific Committee and played a major role in making the Event a success.

Following the Tsunami of December 26, 2004, Paul Grundy launched the ‘Joint Working Commission for Disaster Reduction on Coasts’ at the IABSE Conference New Delhi already in February 2005. The fundamental objective of the Commission is to produce a ‘Guide to Disaster Reduction on Coasts’, and to assist in its use and implementation. Groundwork was



laid at a Symposium on ‘Disaster Reduction on Coasts’ hosted by Professor Grundy in November 2005 at Monash University. Besides his passion for Disaster Reduction, Paul Grundy has dedicated time, energy and passion to IABSE.

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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