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## IABSE People and Papers Awards 2022

*The International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering (IABSE) is pleased to announce the Laureates of the IABSE People and Paper Awards 2022.*

### **Member of the Year**

***'The IABSE Member of the Year Award 2022 is presented to Joe Tortorella, USA, for his leadership roles within the Association and his significant contributions.'***

*The International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering (IABSE) is pleased to announce the Laureates of the IABSE People and Paper Awards 2022. The IABSE Member of the Year award is presented to an Individual Member of IABSE for his or her outstanding services rendered to the Association in the preceding years (such as contributions to the National Group committees or boards and organization of conferences and events). Member of the Year Award presented for the first time in 2022. The IABSE Member of the Year shall be entitled to all the privileges of the Association and shall be exempt from payment of a one-year annual fee.*



Joe Tortorella is a Fellow Member of IABSE and has been an active member of the Association since 1998. He had an outstanding career at the Silman Corporation with continuous involvement with several professional associations. He was IABSE Vice-President, Chair of the US Group, Chair of WC4: Conservation of Structures and a member of several technical groups. He Chaired the Scientific Committee for IABSE Congress Chicago 2008 and Chaired the Organising Committee of IABSE Symposium New York 2019. Joe was also a member of OPAC: Outstanding Paper Award Committee and Scientific Committee for several IABSE events.

Joe's career is a testament to his passion and engagement with the structural engineering profession and community. Since 1979, Joe has been involved in many high-end structural design projects, from historic preservation to new construction for buildings throughout the United States. He has taught engineering classes, taken leadership roles in various professional associations, and assisted developing countries. During his career, he took Bob Silman's advice (his mentor) at heart and continued the tradition during his entire time with the company: 'Don't just stop at the first and easiest answer. Be creative, think outside the box, and do so with grace and humility.'

Joe Tortorella has managed historic preservation, renovation, adaptive reuse, alteration, new construction, and sustainable design projects. His hands-on approach to project management through all phases of design, production, and construction has made him an expert in project quality assurance. Joe is a member and a former president of the Structural Engineers Association of New York (SEAoNY). In 2016, he was named an Honorary Member of AIA New York, and previously served as the Center for Architecture's president, and is currently on the board.

Joe's passion for the industry-related non-profit organizations is exemplified in his current work as Chair of the Board for GeoHazards International. This group works to protect people from natural disasters in developing countries. Joe is a former board member of the American Council of Engineering Companies, New York Chapter, and served on the Executive Board of New York New Visions in the evaluation of designs for the redevelopment of the World Trade Center site. Joe is also the former co-chair of the Critical and Commercial Building Working Group for the AIA Post Sandy Initiative 2013.

*The International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering (IABSE) founded in 1929, operates on a worldwide basis and deals with all aspects of planning, design, construction, maintenance and repair of civil engineering structures. The mission of IABSE is to exchange knowledge and to advance the practice of structural engineering worldwide in the service of the profession and society. To fulfil its mission, IABSE organizes conferences and publishes a high-quality journal, Structural Engineering International (SEI); publishes books reflecting the work of its Technical Groups; creates Working Groups, as required by new needs and technological progress; offers activities within National Groups of IABSE; supports Young Engineers with a programme, and presents annual Awards in recognition. Third parties may freely distribute this text or any part of it in print or electronic form. For further details please contact: Contact: B. Bose; [bose@iabse.org](mailto:bose@iabse.org)*