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## **UCT's Prof Zingoni is the newest Fellow of an international elite group of structural engineers**

Alphose Zingoni, Professor of Structural Engineering & Mechanics in the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Cape Town, has been elected a Fellow of the International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering (IABSE).

Professor Zingoni joins an elite group of only 150 IABSE members worldwide who have been elevated to this prestigious list of academics. The election to the fellowship makes Professor Zingoni the first person from South Africa to be honoured in this way. Zingoni is also a Fellow of both the Institution of Structural Engineers (London) and South African Academy of Engineering.

Commending Zingoni on his achievement, Professor Francis Petersen, the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and the Built Environment says "Professor Zingoni's election as a Fellow of the IABSE is indeed testimony to the quality of the staff in the Faculty of Engineering & the Built Environment at UCT. To be the first person in South Africa to be honoured in this way, acknowledges the immense contribution that he has made to the field of structural engineering. We are extremely proud of his achievements".

Modest about this latest recognition, Prof Zingoni acknowledges the role of UCT in providing an atmosphere that is conducive to research and scholarship at the highest level. "One of the responsibilities of Fellows of the IABSE is to act as role models to the younger generation, and encourage them to excel, says Zingoni. "I hope that this award will give my students added inspiration. In research, as in other things, there is no substitute for hard work, but one should also enjoy what they do, and take pride in their work."

The IABSE is a learned society comprising about 4,000 members in 100 countries worldwide. Founded in 1929 and based in Zurich, Switzerland, IABSE seeks to promote the exchange of

knowledge and to advance the practice of structural engineering worldwide in the service of the profession and society.

Over the past 15 years, Professor Zingoni has been investigating the behaviour of shell structures. These include; doubly-curved roofs, thin domes, containment structures and aircraft fuselages - and developing appropriate mathematical procedures to assist engineers with the analysis and design of these complex structures.

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