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IAWE Presidential Awards

I am delighted to announce the IAWE Presidential Award made recently to prominent pioneering members of the wind engineering community who helped to forge regional and country organizations and made contributions to the knowledge base of wind engineering. The current senior award is based on contributions in the recent past therefore, several of our distinguished members who made an impact early in their careers may miss a recognition like IAWE's Davenport Medal or any other like ASCE's Scanlan or Cermak Medals.

To address this missed opportunity, I have been working on this since I was elected as president of IAWE to offer recognition by IAWE to individuals who were at one time leading luminaries in their field in terms of their technical work in respective areas and their leadership in chairing the international and domestic conferences on wind engineering and establishing their country organizations and nurturing of the younger membership! I felt duty-bound to make sure that we recognize our early stalwarts who helped reinforce the field of wind engineering through their innovative contributions. After several formal and informal discussions with the IAWE membership and with the approval of the Executive Board of IAWE, I am delighted to announce the following award winners:

Mr. Ian Harris, former Editor JWEIA, United Kingdom

“Mr. Harris is recognized by IAWE for his lifelong contributions to wind engineering with particular reference to his services as the founding editor of the JWEIA and his work on the extreme value statistics of wind.”

Prof. Manabu Ito, Professor Emeritus, Tokyo University, Tokyo, Japan

“Prof. Manabu Ito is recognized by IAWE for his lifelong contributions to wind engineering with particular reference to long-span bridge aerodynamics and leadership to the Japan Association for Wind Engineering and IAWE”

Prof. Kishor Mehta, Horn Professor, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas, USA

“Prof. Kishor Mehta is recognized by IAWE for his lifelong contributions to wind engineering with particular reference to wind hazard mitigation, low rise structures, code development, tornado shelters, EF Scale and leadership to AAWE and IAWE.”

Prof. Prem Krishna, Professor Emeritus, IIT Roorkee, India

“ Prof. Prem Krishna is recognized by IAWE for his lifelong contributions to wind engineering with particular reference to low rise structures, code development and leadership to the Indian Society of Wind Engineering and IAWE.”

I am so delighted that I with the support of the IAWE Executive Board was able to make this happen as all the awardees so richly deserve.

Best wishes.



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President IAWE