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AMERICAN CONCRETE INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES THE MICHEL BAKHOUM INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION AWARD

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The Michel Bakhoum International Collaboration Award, founded in 2024, honors the memory of Prof. Michel Bakhoum, ACI Member, and internationally known structural engineer, researcher, and educator.



The award is given for outstanding contribution to international collaborations for the progress of knowledge on reinforced and prestressed concrete and development/application of ACI Codes, Specifications, and Guides worldwide for innovations in design and construction practices of concrete structures.

Born in Cairo, Egypt, in June 1913, the late Prof. Dr. Michel Bakhoum was recognized as a leader in the field of structural engineering, particularly in Egypt and the region. His vast knowledge of design and construction methods served him in the roles of structural consulting engineer, professor, researcher, and code developer.

Dr. Bakhoum held PhD degrees in Civil Engineering from Cairo University and a second PhD degree from University of Illinois. He did post-doctoral studies at Columbia University, focusing on Theory of Elasticity and Applied Mathematics.

Professor Michel Bakhoum taught at Cairo University from 1937 until he passed away in 1981. He was Head of Reinforced Concrete Research Laboratory at Cairo University from 1951 until 1958. Bakhoum taught also at Ain Shams University in Cairo, and

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Assiut University in the South of Egypt. He authored many technical papers, and the book entitled "Structural Mechanics." He also supervised several researchers for the degrees of M.Sc. and PhD.

In 1950, Prof. Bakhoum started a consulting engineering partnership. The firm is currently known as (ACE) "Arab Consulting Engineers: Moharram – Bakhoum." ACE is one of the leading consulting engineering firms in Egypt and the Middle East.

Bakhoum was a member of several engineering societies: American Concrete Institute, Fellow of the Institution of Structural and ASCE, Member of IABSE and a Member of Egyptian Engineering Society (ESE) and worked on many code committees with the Building Research Institute. His many awards include: the Prince Omar Tossou Award, Egyptian Republic Award, Award for Science and the Award for Trade and Industry.

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