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Civil engineering society establishes medal to honor Frangopol

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The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) board of directors has established the [Dan M. Frangopol Medal for Life-Cycle Engineering of Civil Structures](#) in honor of [Frangopol](#), a distinguished CU Boulder professor emeritus with a significant career in the university's [Department of Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering](#).

Frangopol, currently a professor at Lehigh University, holds Lehigh's inaugural [Fazlur R. Khan Endowed Chair of Structural Engineering and Architecture](#).

Renowned as an expert in structural reliability, optimization and life-cycle engineering, Frangopol earned the title "Father of Life-Cycle Analysis" from ASCE.

Keith Molenaar, dean of CU Boulder’s College of Engineering and Applied Science, praised Frangopol as “a prolific researcher” and as “a dedicated mentor to me and many of my colleagues.”

“This most deserving award will solidify Dan’s legacy as a pioneering leader in the field of life-cycle engineering,” he said.

Frangopol received his diploma in engineering from the Institute of Civil Engineering, Bucharest, Romania, in 1969 and his doctorate of applied sciences from the University of Liège, Belgium, in 1976.

He joined CU Boulder's faculty as an associate professor in the Department of Civil, Environmental and Architectural Engineering in March 1983. He was promoted to full professor in 1988 and became an emeritus professor in 2006.

For a full list of Frangopol's academic achievements, visit his [resume highlights page](#).



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- Clarence L. Eckel Faculty Prize for Excellence, [Dept. of Civil, Env. and Arch. Engineering](#) , University of Colorado, 2003
- The Faculty Research Award, College of Engineering and Applied Science, University of Colorado, 1999
- Service Award, [Dept. of Civil, Env. and Arch. Engineering](#), University of Colorado, 2002
- Distinguished Achievement Award, [Dept. of Civil, Env. and Arch. Engineering](#), University of Colorado, 2000
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