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Frangopol honored with IASSAR’s inaugural Distinguished Service Award



Dan M. Frangopol, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Emeritus, and Inaugural Fazlur R. Khan Endowed Chair of Structural Engineering and Architecture, Emeritus, at Lehigh University is the inaugural recipient of the Distinguished Service Award presented by the International Association of Structural Safety and Reliability (IASSAR).

The honor, which was established in 2013 and bestowed for the first time at the 14th International Conference on Structural Safety and Reliability (ICOSSAR’25) in Los Angeles, recognizes an IASSAR member who has provided long and sustained service to the organization.

Over his decades of involvement with IASSAR, the leading professional organization in the field of structural safety and reliability of engineering systems, Frangopol has served a number of leadership roles, including Vice-President (2013-17); Executive Board Chair (2006-13); Awards Committee Chair (2017); Vice-Chair of Technical Committee 3 on System Reliability and Optimization (2001-10); and Founding Chair of Technical Committee 4 on Life-Cycle Performance, Cost and Optimization (2012).

Frangopol is a pioneer in the field of life-cycle civil engineering and a recipient of numerous highly distinguished awards and recognitions, including membership in the National Academy of Engineering. Following his retirement earlier this year, he has continued to contribute to the field as a Research Faculty Fellow at Lehigh.

He recently participated in Structures Congress 2025, the annual conference of the Structural Engineering Institute (SEI) of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). During the event in Phoenix, the inaugural **Dan M. Frangopol Medal for Life-Cycle Engineering of Civil Structures** was presented to Professor Fabio Biondini from Politecnico of Milan, Italy. The award “recognizes individuals for outstanding contributions to the field of life-cycle design, assessment, inspection, maintenance, and cost optimization of civil infrastructure systems.”

In July, Frangopol will co-chair the Ninth International Symposium on Life-cycle Civil Engineering (IALCCE 2025) in Melbourne, Australia. Sponsors of the event include

Lehigh’s Advanced Technology for Large Structural Systems (ATLSS) Engineering Research Center, Lehigh’s Center for Catastrophe Modeling and Resilience, and the NSF Natural Hazards Engineering Research Infrastructure (NHERI) Lehigh Experimental Facility.

During the symposium, Lehigh structural engineering alum **Xu Han ’23 PhD**, Frangopol’s former student, will receive the 2025 IALCCE Junior Award in recognition of his contributions to life-cycle structural engineering.

Read more about Frangopol’s research and achievements [here](#).

Related Links:

- [Website: Dan M. Frangopol](#)
- [ICOSSAR’25: 14th International Conference on Structural Safety and Reliability](#)

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