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IABSE People and Paper Awards 2024

The International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering (IABSE) is pleased to announce the Laureates of the IABSE People and Paper Awards 2024.

IABSE National Group of the Year Award

The IABSE National Group (NG) of the Year recognises an IABSE NG achieving the best performance based on pre-established goals related to memberships, activities, sustainability and interaction with other NGs. A maximum of one Award is given per year.

The IABSE National Group of the Year Award 2024 is presented to the Korean Group for their remarkable commitment, consistent and innovative programs to engage members and promote the association’s mission to the industry.

The Korean National Group of IABSE has been an active group of members with multiple activities conducted nationally as well as in collaboration with the global engineering community. Throughout the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond, the Korean Group has consistently demonstrated exceptional dedication and achievement. One of the Korean Group's most recent and notable accomplishment was the successful planning and execution of the 3rd Young Engineering Colloquium (YEC), East Asia in January 2024, which was co-organised along with the Chinese, Japanese and the Hong Kong National Groups. This collaborative approach ensured the event’s success, culminating in a milestone achievement with 170 registrants.

With a membership of 209 as of January 2024, the Korean National Group's steadfast commitment to membership growth and engagement is evident in their impressive numbers. This sustained growth trajectory, was maintained since 2020 by the National Group. The 404 Skybridge from the Republic of Korea was a Finalist in the IABSE Awards 2023, and the National Group has consistently promoted the IABSE Awards in the country. Through their continued involvement in most activities of the association, the Korean National Group has played an integral role in advancing IABSE’s mission within the Republic of Korea.
Moreover, the Korean National Group’s contribution was also showcased during the successful organization of the IABSE Conference Seoul 2020. Notably, this event marked the first-ever hybrid online format, providing a critical platform for knowledge exchange and collaboration amidst the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. By embracing innovation and leveraging technology, the Korean Group made a significant and lasting contribution to the field and to IABSE.

To engage the members and share information and knowledge, the Korean National Group has consistently organised annual field trips to bridges and construction sites, providing members with valuable opportunities for firsthand learning and exploration. On 19 May 2023, they arranged the field trip to the acclaimed Y-Shaped Suspension Bridge, which was also a recipient of the IABSE Projects and Technology Awards, for the category Pedestrian and Cycle Bridges. The Korean Group actively demonstrates the core values of excellence, collaboration, and resilience. The National Groups are the powerhouse of the Association, and the Korean Group, with its multiple programs, membership and leadership, has championed this cause.

Visit to the Y-shaped Suspension Bridge.  

YEC Colloquium in 19-20 January 2024.

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