

The Deep Foundations Institute (DFI) announced **Salah Al Dilimi** as the new Chair of the DFI Middle East Regional Chapter. He previously served as a Vice Chair for the chapter. Al Dilimi is the Rail Infrastructure, Maintenance Manager in the Rail Agency within the Roads and Transport Authority (RTA), Dubai, UAE. He succeeds Emad Sharif of GTC Lab, who remains active in the regional chapter.



Al Dilimi

Al Dilimi is a professional geotechnical engineer with over 33 years of international work experience in design, construction, and management of geotechnical and civil projects, including diaphragm walls, concrete piles, driven piles, micropiles, and screw piles. He has worked in the UK, Australia, New Zealand, and the Middle East. He has authored several technical publications and contributed to the book *Geology of Dubai*. Al Dilimi received his postgraduate degree from the University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand.

Honors and Awards

ACI Executive Vice President **Ronald Burg**, FACI, was selected as a 2022 inductee of Distinguished Alumni by the Department of Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering at Iowa State University (ISU), Ames, IA, USA. The Distinguished Alumni is for alumni who have significant professional achievement and service in their chosen field. Burg will be recognized at the Civil Engineering and Environmental Engineering Awards Banquet on September 15, 2022, at the ISU Alumni Center. Before joining ACI, he served as Vice President at CTLGroup, Skokie, IL, USA. In addition, he served on the ACI Board of Direction, Technical Activities Committee as a member and Chair, and various technical committees. He contributed to numerous papers and publications and received the 2001 ACI Wason Medal for Materials Research along with his co-authors for their paper "Compression Testing of HSC: Latest Technology" in *Concrete International*. In 2021, the ACI Foundation established the Burg-Coleman Iowa State '77 Fellowship, which was generously funded by Burg and Jeffrey W. Coleman, ACI Past President, both 1977 graduates of the ISU College of Engineering.



Burg

The Slag Cement Association (SCA) presented ACI member **John M. Melander** with the SCA Distinguished Service Award. Long-time SCA staff, Melander served as the SCA Executive Director from 2013 through 2017 and is currently the Technical Consultant to SCA. His work for SCA has focused on developing and disseminating technology on the use of slag cement and slag



Melander

blended cement in concrete. Melander has more than 30 years of experience in the areas of cement, concrete, and masonry materials technology. He is a member of ACI Committees C670, Masonry Technician Certification; 233, Ground Slag in Concrete; and 524, Plastering. He is also a Fellow of ASTM; an Honorary Member of ASTM Committee C01, Cement; and a member of ASTM Committee C09, Concrete and Concrete Aggregates; and Subcommittee C09.27, Slag Cement. Melander has received numerous recognitions for his contributions to the development of cement, concrete, and masonry standards, including the ASTM C01 Bryant Mather Award and the ASTM C12 J. Ivan Davison Award.

Frank Vecchio, FACI, University of Toronto Engineering Professor, has been elected to the 2022 Fellows of the Engineering Institute of Canada for his excellence in engineering and services to the profession and to society. Vecchio is the former Bahen/Tanenbaum Chair in Civil Engineering. An internationally respected authority on the behavior of concrete structures, he has contributed substantially to increasing the safety and reliability of Canada's infrastructure. Vecchio is the co-developer of the Modified Compression Field Theory, a groundbreaking conceptual model for describing the behavior of reinforced concrete under general load conditions, which has been incorporated into design codes in Canada and internationally. He also developed a suite of software, called VecTor, for predicting the response of concrete structures to practically any action, which has been widely adopted for teaching and in industrial and research applications. Vecchio is a member of Joint ACI-ASCE Committees 441, Reinforced Concrete Columns, and 447, Finite Element Analysis of Reinforced Concrete Structures.



Vecchio

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