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**Mahmut Ekenel**, FACI, joined ACI as a Conformity Assessment & Certification Engineer. He has been an ACI member since 2002 and became a Fellow of ACI in 2020. Ekenel has over 20 years of experience in the testing and evaluation of building materials and building codes. His most recent position was Senior Staff Engineer at the International Code Council (ICC). Ekenel received his

bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Selçuk University, Turkey; his master's degree in civil engineering from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL, USA; and his PhD in civil engineering from Missouri University of Science and Technology, Rolla, MO, USA.

**Emily Guglielmo**, a Principal at Martin/Martin, Inc., was appointed to the Charles Pankow Foundation Board of Directors. She now heads Martin/Martin's San Francisco, CA, USA, office and serves as its technical leader on earthquake and wind engineering.

Recognized nationally for her expertise and activity in code development and research, Guglielmo serves on the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) 7-22 General Provisions Committee, Main Subcommittee, Seismic Subcommittee, and Wind Load Subcommittee. She also serves on the ASCE/SEI Codes and Standards Executive Committee and, by appointment, on the National Institute of Building Sciences' Building Seismic Safety Council (BSSC) Task Group: Improving US Seismic Codes and Standards, as well as the BSSC 2026 Provisions Update Committee.

The Deep Foundations Institute (DFI) announced that **Gregory A. Canivan** and **Seth Hamblin** have been named



**Canivan**

Co-Chairs of DFI's Driven Pile Committee.

Canivan is a Technical Principal with S&ME, Inc. (S&ME), in Charleston, SC, USA. He has spent the past 28 years practicing geotechnical engineering, and many of his larger projects include structures on deep foundations or ground improvement. In addition to assisting with the design of deep foundations, he has managed S&ME's deep foundation

testing group for over two decades.

Hamblin is a Principal at Geosciences Testing and Research, Inc. (GTR), in North Chelmsford, MA, USA, managing the execution of various geotechnical engineering



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projects with a focus on the design and construction of deep foundations, geotechnical and structural instrumentation, and support of excavation systems. He has more than 18 years of experience in the geotechnical consulting field. He is on the Board of Directors for the Rhode Island Section of ASCE and is a member of the DFI Testing and Evaluation Committee.

## Honors & Awards

ASTM Committee C09, Concrete and Concrete Aggregates, presented the Katharine and Bryant Mather Member Contribution Award to National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA) Vice President, Technical Services, **Karthik Obla**, FACI. Obla was cited for his outstanding contributions in pioneering standards for pervious concrete, as well as his many contributions to supplementary cementitious materials, chemical reactions, ready mixed concrete, self-consolidating concrete, concrete's resistance to fluid penetration, and the enhancement of cement and concrete technology standards.

Obla joined NRMCA in 2003 from his previous employment as a Technical Manager with Boral Material Technologies in San Antonio, TX, USA. He received his PhD in civil engineering from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA. He authored the book *Improving Concrete Quality*, and has chaired many ACI and ASTM committees and technical sessions. At NRMCA, he is responsible for concrete producer quality initiatives, research projects at the NRMCA Research Laboratory, and oversees various educational programs and technical publications.

The *fib* Fellows awarded in 2023 are **Carola Edvardsen**, Denmark; **Larry Krauser**, FACI, United States; ACI member **V.N. Heggade**, India; **Antonio Mari Bernat**, Spain; ACI member **Stijn Matthys**, Belgium; **Frank Papworth**, Australia; **Mike Schlaich**, Germany; **Jean-Michel Torrenti**, France; and ACI member **Thanasis Triantafillou**, Greece. The *fib* Fellows fulfill the following criteria: 1) they are current *fib* members and have been for the last 10 years; 2) they have embraced the values of the federation; and 3) they have provided continuous outstanding contributions to the development of concrete and concrete structures or to the development of the *fib* through the participation in task groups and commissions or other means. The contributions to concrete structures can be in the areas of education, research, design, and construction.