

Monday, March 25, 2019

Reception Honoring Sami Rizkalla

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (H-Plaines)

This reception is the inaugural event of the Sami Rizkalla Symposium on Fiber Reinforced Polymers (FRP) in Structural Concrete, honoring Professor Sami Rizkalla for his outstanding contributions in this field of knowledge. Rizkalla is a structural engineer whose pioneering research contributed to the widespread adoption of FRP as a mainstream material for reinforcement of concrete structures around the globe. His research has advanced this now well-recognized technology both as internal reinforcements for new construction and as external reinforcements for rehabilitation of existing structures.

Dr. Rizkalla received his B.Sc. from Alexandria University in Alexandria, Egypt in 1965 and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC in 1974 and 1976, respectively. He joined the University of Manitoba as an Assistant Professor in 1979, where he climbed the academic ranks for 21 years. In 2000 he returned to North Carolina State University as a Distinguished Professor of Civil Engineering and Construction.

Dr. Rizkalla was the founding President and Scientific Director of the Canadian Network of Centers of Excellence on Intelligent Sensing for Innovative Structures (Canada) from 1995 to 2000. He was one of the founding members of ACI Committee 440 "Fiber-Reinforced Polymer Reinforcement". He was elected Fellow of ACI in 1993 and is a recipient of ACI's Delmar L. Bloem Award (2004), Joe W. Kelly Award (2008), Arthur Boase Award (2010), Chester Paul Siess Award (2014), and Charles S. Whitney Medal Award (2016). Dr. Rizkalla has co-authored over 600 technical publications including 190 journal papers.