

## Editorial

It is with great pleasure that we dedicate this Special Issue of Cement and Concrete Composites in Honour and Fond Memory of Professor Joseph Cabrera. Joe, as he was affectionately known to his friends and colleagues, was a great teacher, friend and guide to hundreds of students who had the opportunity to learn and work with him. The papers contained in this issue reflect not only the breadth and depth of his research interests, but also the respect and fondness of those colleagues who worked closely with him at Leeds University. As Editor of the Journal, I am very delighted in being associated in this tribute to Professor Joe Cabrera. The remarkable characteristic of Joe is that he was a great Internationalist not only in his thinking, but also in his efforts and vision to make this world a better place in which to live. He was an excellent engineer and an outstanding material scientist whose contributions to knowledge will stand the test of time, and whose re-

search papers will be eagerly studied and put into practice by engineers and concrete technologists all over the world and for many years to come. Gentleness and kindness were the hallmarks of Joe in all his dealings with all peoples of the world. And this is the uniqueness of Joe – a positive, productive and prolific personality, who combined his scholarly contributions with humaneness and humility. As a friend and colleague, he was a great person to know and work with, and the legacy that he has left behind will always be lovingly cherished by his family, friends and colleagues.

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