

## Conference Report

## FERRO – 7: Seventh International Symposium on Ferrocement and Thin Reinforced Cement Composites

The Seventh International Symposium on Ferrocement and Thin Reinforced Cement Composites was organised by the Centre for Construction Materials and Technology, Department of Civil Engineering, National University of Singapore from 27 to 29 June 2001 and served as an international forum for academics researchers and practitioners to exchange ideas and experience to promote technical co-operation.

The Symposium was held in honour of Professor A.E. Naaman, University of Michigan, USA and Professor P. Paramasivam, National University of Singapore for their innovative and sustained contributions in R&D in ferrocement. About 100 participants from 22 countries attended the three days symposium. Over 50 technical papers were presented, ranging from fundamental research to innovative applications of ferrocement and thin reinforced cement composites. The symposium resembled a family gathering of engineering, architects and practitioners enthused with the use of the composites as alternative construction materials.

At the conference banquet, Prof. Naaman presented a plaque to Lila R. Austriaco for her dedicated service to

IFS and IFIC and also Prof. S.P. Shah for his contributions in fundamental ferrocement. Mr. Irons received an appreciation plaque for his dedicated life-long contributions to ferrocement. Prof. Naaman and Prof. Paramasivam were honoured at the Banquet for their innovative and sustained contributions to R&D in ferrocement and services to International Society of Ferrocement.

The symposium ended with a site visit to the Prefabrication Technology Centre, Housing and Development Board and the precasting yard of the Concrete Innovators Co. Pvt. Ltd. The organisers wish to express their thanks to all sponsors who have generously contributed to this symposium.

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