Construction Management Professor Named Fellow In U.S., U.K. Professional Societies

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly Construction Management Professor Barry Jones has been named a Fellow in professional societies on both sides of the Atlantic.

The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and the United Kingdom's Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) chose Jones for their highest level of membership this spring. Later this year he will receive the American honor at an ASCE awards dinner and the British award at a ceremony in London. He was also admitted to the Americas Registry of Outstanding Professionals.

The awards recognize Jones's achievements both as a project manager in industry and as an educator and researcher. The U.K. native has maintained membership in the two international organizations as he has worked and taught in Europe, the United States and elsewhere.

"The ASCE and CIOB are in the forefront of the construction industry and education and training," Jones said. "I feel very honored that my achievements with both groups have been recognized."

"It is an incredible accomplishment for Dr. Jones to be named a Fellow in two separate professional organizations," said K. Richard Zweifel, interim dean of Cal Poly's College of Architecture and Environmental Design. "With so few reaching this honor, his double recognition is a marvelous testament to the very high level of his contribution to the profession. Recognition of the professional credentials of constructors is increasingly critical in both the United States and abroad, as these managers take on broader responsibilities for the development of essential and highly complex projects."

Jones joined Cal Poly's construction management faculty in 2001, after a 17-year career as a construction project manager in Europe, the Far East and the United States. His specialization included broad responsibility in major commercial projects and heavy construction projects such as North Sea oil platforms. While working in the profession, he also taught at universities in the United Kingdom, the United States, Australia and Malaysia.

At the University of Brighton (England), he directed the development of the first collaborative master's degree program and became its first course director. He has authored or co-authored more than 20 international research articles on collaborative engineering and has specialized in developing and teaching innovative courses in construction management and engineering.

In 1999 Jones earned a doctorate in civil engineering from the University of Southampton (England) with
research that led to the development of a computerized system to solve construction problems involving several disciplines. He earned a master's degree in construction management and economics at Aston University, in Birmingham, England, in 1980.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: A photo of Jones is available from Bob Anderson in Cal Poly's Public Affairs office at (805) 756-1511 or banderso@calpoly.edu.