

A New Rubric for SEI: Eminent Structural Engineers

The SEI Editorial Board is working continually to improve our Journal. In recent issues we have focussed on preparing well-balanced issues treating a single common theme that combine a range of Structures, Reports, and Science and Technology papers. We believe that this has been well received by you, our readers, and we hope to continue this in the future. The Editorial Board has also discussed the introduction of new rubrics for SEI, in addition to those mentioned above, as a way of increasing the attractiveness of the Journal. We have tried, for example, to encourage readers to submit discussions of published papers. We hope, with your help, to be able to publish such papers in the near future.

This issue marks the beginning of a new rubric; Eminent Structural Engineers. This rubric has been created with the aims of increasing awareness of our structural engineering heritage through a better understanding of the work of eminent structural engineers and promoting good engineering

examples that inspire all engineers. The idea is that papers will present a personal interpretation or discussion of how the work of the featured individual influenced structural engineering developments or other engineers. Furthermore, it is our hope that the authors of these papers will be able to draw on a personal relationship with, and be in a position to include personal anecdotes that illustrate the professional facets of, the featured individual.

We are very pleased that the first paper to be published in the new rubric more than satisfies the aims, ideas and hopes presented above. It presents the life and work of Dr. Fazlur R. Khan, one of the most eminent structural engineers of recent times, and it is written by his daughter, Yasmin Sabina Khan. We hope that you enjoy it.

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