

First Founding Fellows Announced

Dr. Aftab Mufti, president of ISHMII, is pleased to announce the election of the first fellows of the ISHMII Society:

- Dr. Emin Aktan
- Dr. Farhad Ansari
- Dr. Baidar Bakht
- Dr. Yozo Fujino
- Dr. Jan-Ming Ko
- Dr. Urs Meier

Dr. Emin Aktan, Dr. Yozo Fujino, Dr. Jan-Ming Ko and Dr. Urs Meier are the founding members of the society. At a meeting at EMPA in Switzerland on 24 July 2003, the International Group on the Structural Health Monitoring was established. The objectives and work plan of the Group were established. Eventually the Group agreed to form the ISHMII society.

Dr. Farhad Ansari, chair of the advisory committee of the ISHMII council, has devoted a great deal of time and effort to help in the establishment of our Society. His help has been invaluable in organizing ISHMII and ensuring that we meet our goals.

Dr. Baidar Bakht has made tremendous contributions in Canada to ensure that SHM has become a part of the Canadian Highway Bridge Design Code. This particular development will lead to ISHMII being very active and strong in Canada.

It is with great pleasure that we congratulate our first founding fellows of the ISHMII Society.