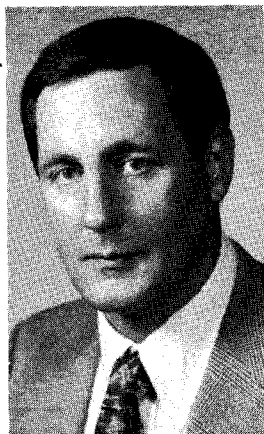


President's Message



FIP—25 Years of Excellence

The Silver Jubilee of the Fédération Internationale de la Précontrainte held in London, April 30-May 5, was a definite triumph, reminiscent of the FIP/PCI Congress of 1974 in New York. The Concrete Society of Great Britain was the host of this successful conference.

More than 2500 participants from 48 nations enjoyed true British hospitality and a superbly organized Congress. Starting with an impressive reception and opening ceremony in the Royal Festival Hall, the proceedings continued at the Wembley Conference Centre for a week of intensive and informative exchange of international knowledge. (Note that further details of the Congress are given in the lead article of this issue.)

America's Professor Ben C. Gerwick, Jr., was elected Honorary FIP President, an honor well deserved for his service to this international community of experts in the field of prestressed concrete.

Brice Bender was appointed to the FIP Administrative Council as the official United States representative in FIP matters; he is taking the place of W. Burr Bennett, Jr.

Besides the many interesting technical programs, the international aspect of so many nationalities working together in harmony, exchanging ideas and mere pleasantries was truly inspiring. This in itself made the trip to London worthwhile.

And then, of course London itself—a historical city of beauty and old world charm; a city and a people we could all appreciate.

Let us wish the FIP continued success in its world-wide activities!

For 4. W. Gerwick