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Honorary Member: Kenneth Hansen

Ken Hansen is one of the nation's most widely recognized author, lecturer, and consultant on roller-compacted concrete for dams. Ken has worked with Schnabel Engineering since 1997 and worked for the Portland Cement Association for nearly 37 years prior to that. For 45 years, Ken has provided consulting and technical review for RCC and soil-cement projects throughout the world, giving more than 400 presentations throughout the U.S. and in Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Chile, Australia, China, Argentina, India, Spain, Turkey, and Peru. He has authored or co-authored more than 50 papers on RCC and is the primary author of the book "Roller-Compacted Concrete Dams" published by McGraw-Hill. One of Ken's main contributions to the development of RCC dams has been to take education to the construction site, benefitting both designers and constructors. At Schnabel, Ken conceived and was course director and featured lecturer for the International RCC Dams Seminar and Study Tour Series. Through speaking engagements, journal articles, ASDSO conferences and other venues, Ken has advanced the importance of diligence regarding dam safety. He is never at a loss for words and can tell the history of all RCC dams in the U.S., as well as many others. Perhaps Ken's most recognized and important role has been in facilitating communication and coordination of RCC advances with technology leaders worldwide. Early in its evolution, Ken recognized RCC's tremendous potential for new and existing dams. More importantly, he recognized that knowledge is power only if shared, critically challenged, cultivated, and enthusiastically advanced on the world stage. Ken's advocacy in promoting technological advances and practical and thoughtful application of RCC technology for the benefit of mankind distinguish him as a visionary and a credit to the profession.