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## **IABSE Awards 2021**

*The International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering (IABSE) is pleased to announce the Laureates of the IABSE Awards 2021.*

*The International Award of Merit in Structural Engineering is presented to people for outstanding contributions in the field of structural engineering, with special reference to usefulness for society. Fields of endeavour may include: planning, design, construction, materials, equipment, education, research, government, management. The first Award was presented in 1976.*

***The International Award of Merit in Structural Engineering 2021 is presented to Jürg Conzett, Switzerland: 'Jürg Conzett lives his profession as a structural engineer cross-disciplinary, as the art of engineering and as a master-builder with sensible consideration of and respect for the neighbouring construction disciplines.'***



Jürg Conzett's work is an example of innovation and respect for the landscape. Conzett's work is also cross-disciplinary, always showing respect both for the site and for the other professions involved in its works and in a constant search for the best response to the demands of the public. His work as a disseminator of engineering values is remarkable. An effort that is undoubtedly necessary to increase the social recognition of the profession. His field of expertise lies in Structural Engineering, design and rehabilitation of bridges, buildings.

*His professional experience includes:*

Employee in architecture office of Peter Zumthor (1981-1987); Lecturer for timber structures, University of Applied Sciences, Chur (1987-2004). Independent structural engineer (1988-1992); Partner and member/president of executive board of subsequent engineering firms Branger, Conzett & Partner AG (1992-1998), Conzett Bronzini Gartmann AG (1998-2015) and Conzett Bronzini Partner AG (since 2015); Guest lecturer at Graduate School of Design, Harvard University, USA (2011).

*His Major Bridge projects from 1993 till 2017 include:*

Mursteg in Murau, Steiermark; a wooden pedestrian bridge; Traversinersteg I, Viamala, Grisons, Switzerland; a tied wooden pedestrian bridge, Pünt da Suransuns, Viamala, Grisons, Switzerland; tied ribbon pedestrian bridge, steel and natural stone; Coupurebrug in Brugge, Flanders; movable pedestrian and bicycle bridge, Traversinersteg II, Viamala, Grisons, Switzerland; suspended pedestrian bridge/stair; New Valser Rhine Bridge, Vals, Grisons, Switzerland; natural stone and concrete bridge; Seven pedestrian bridges, water path Trutg dil Flem, Flims, Grisons, Switzerland; natural stone and timber; pedestrian bridges over the river Aare in Rapperswil and Auenstein, Switzerland; pedestrian bridges in Murg-Auen-Park, Frauenfeld, Switzerland; Pardisla Bridge over the river Rhine, Chur-Haldenstein, Grisons, Switzerland; pedestrian and bicycle suspension bridge.

*His Building projects include:*

Various school buildings in Grisons, Biel and Basel; Klangkörper Schweiz, EXPO 2000 Hannover (Arch. P. Zumthor); Project new football stadium in Zurich; Federal Administrative Court, St. Gallen, Switzerland (Arch.: Stauffer & Hasler); Renovation and extension congress center and music hall, Zurich, Switzerland (Arch.: M&E Boesch, Diener & Diener); Extension pedagogical high school, Kreuzlingen, Switzerland (Arch.: B. Consoni AG); Swiss Federal Road Office, Working Group Bridge Research, Timber bridges – Opportunities and limits (with Rolf Bachofner).

*Awards received till now include:*

2019 Recognition prize Canton of Grisons; 2018 Fritz Leonhardt-Prize; 2018 Honorary doctor Accademia di Architettura Mendrisio, Switzerland; 2013 „SIA – umsicht – regards – sguardi“ for water path Flims – Trutg dil Flem 2011 Recognition prize City of Chur; 2007 Recognition prize Canton of Grisons; 1999 Architecture Prize „New Building in the Alps“, Sexten Kultur, Italy.

*His major publications include:*

Conzett, J.: Die Albulabahn (The Albula railway line), Society for Swiss Art History, 1989;  
Conzett, J.: Landscape and Structures – A personal inventory of Jürg Conzett, photographed by Martin Linsi, published for the exhibition at the Swiss Pavilion on the occasion of the 12th International Architecture Exhibition in Venice, August 29-November 21, 2010, Scheidegger & Spiess, Zurich, 2012;  
Conzett, J. et al.: Schweizer Bahnbrücken (Swiss railway bridges), Scheidegger & Spiess, Zurich, 2013.

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