

SCHOLARSHIPS

AISC Scholarship Opportunities Now Available

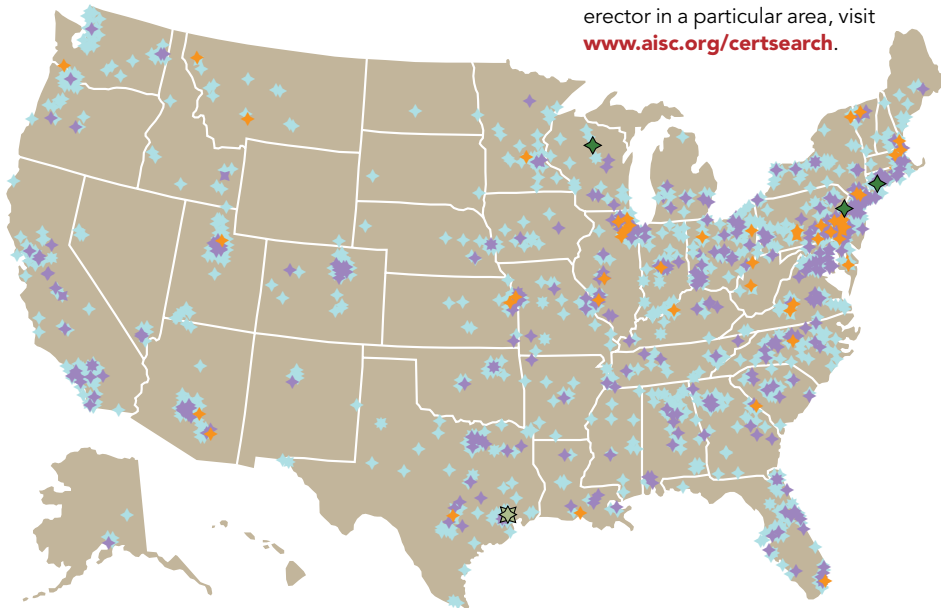
AISC and its structural steel industry partners place a high priority on the development of future professionals, and AISC is now accepting applications for its 2012-2013 scholarship program. Undergraduate and graduate students in civil or architectural engineering or construction management programs are encouraged to take advantage of this annual opportunity to receive financial assistance by applying for this program at

www.aisc.org/scholarships. This year a total of \$98,000 in aid is being offered to more than 20 university students.

Applications will be accepted until May 1, 2012. For detailed information on this year's scholarship opportunities, view AISC's press release at <http://bit.ly/xMjHJX>. If you have any questions, please contact Maria Mnookin at 312.670.5418 or mnookin@aisc.org.

Newly Certified Facilities: February 1-29, 2012

To find a certified fabricator or erector in a particular area, visit www.aisc.org/certsearch.



- Existing Certified Fabricator Facilities
- Existing Certified Erector Facilities
- Existing Certified Bridge Component Facilities

- Newly Certified Fabricator Facilities
- Newly Certified Erector Facilities

Newly Certified Fabricator Facilities
 All Phase Steel Works, LLC, Bridgeport, Conn.
 Merrill Fab, Merrill, Wis.
 Stateline Fabricators L.L.C., Phillipsburg, N.J.

Newly Certified Erector Facilities
 Empire Acero, LLC, Humble, Texas
 Empire Steel Erectors, L.P., Humble, Texas

TALK TO AISC CERTIFICATION

Do you have feedback or a story involving AISC Certification? Now is your chance to share it! We are always looking to hear from our specifiers, currently Certified companies and those thinking about applying to our program, so talk to us at www.aisc.org/certfeedback. We're listening!

People and Firms

- **Hance Construction** president **Art Hance** has been elected to a two-year term as president of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Metal Building Contractors and Erectors Association (MBCEA). "Art's leadership in the industry and at the executive level of MBCEA have been invaluable," said Timothy W. Clark, outgoing president of MBCEA Mid-Atlantic. "We look forward to Art's term as president of MBCEA because he is sure to create innovative, thought-provoking strategies for advancing our industry. He was invaluable in helping the MBCEA develop the first federally recognized apprenticeship program in the country devoted exclusively to the metal building industry." Hance said his immediate goals for his term as president are to strengthen the chapter's financial position to ensure long-term subsidized training for members; develop strategic partnerships with other organizations in order to expand training opportunities; and to promote the goals of MBCEA.
- At **Thornton Tomasetti**, three staff members have been named to *Engineering-News Record's* (ENR) "Top 20 Under 40" list, which recognizes outstanding contributions of AEC professionals under the age of 40. The three—**Elisabeth Malsch** associate, New York; **Cristina Martinez**, senior associate, New York; and **Brian Volpe**, vice president, Chicago—were among 140 professionals honored nationally in seven U.S. regions. The nominees were rated by a panel of independent judges, combining criteria such as professional excellence and leadership in their industry, service to their professions and communities and honors and awards earned.

IN MEMORIAM

Bert Cooper: More than Six Decades Dedicated to the Steel Industry

Bert Cooper, chairman of steel fabrication firm W&W/AFCO Steel, Oklahoma City, passed away on Tuesday, February 28, at the age of 82. A long-time structural steel industry representative and contributor, he served on the AISC Board of Directors for two decades. In 2008 he received an AISC Lifetime Achievement Award for his dedication of substantial time and financial resources to support industry research activities, and was instrumental in advancing unified specification.

Upon graduating from Oklahoma State University in 1951 with a busi-

ness degree, Cooper joined W&W and stayed with the company for more than 60 years, culminating his career as chairman of the board. His son Rick is president and chief executive officer and currently serves on the AISC Board of Directors. The company has provided steel fabrication for some of the nation's most notable projects, including the New York Times office building, the new Dallas Cowboys Stadium and the World Trade Center Memorial and Museum pavilion.

Cooper is survived by his wife, Terri, and his sons, Rick and Larry.

IN MEMORIAM

Ivan Viest, Ph.D., Composite Construction Expert

Ivan M. Viest, 89, of Bethlehem, Pa., died Saturday, February 11 at Kirkland Village, Bethlehem. He served for four decades on the AISC Specification Committee. In 2004 he received an AISC Special Achievement Award honoring his pioneering research and development work on composite design.

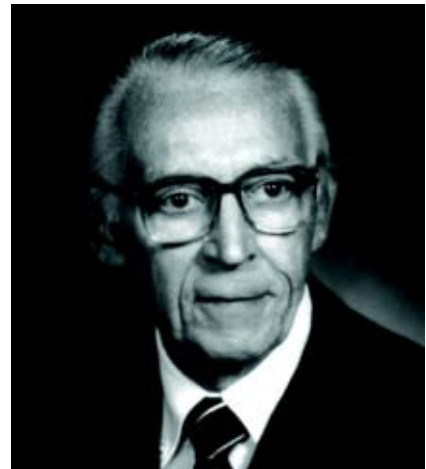
Viest was born October 10, 1922 in Bratislava, Slovakia. He immigrated to the U.S. in 1946 after completing his civil engineering studies at the Slovak Technical University in Bratislava. In 1948, he joined the faculty at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana, where he completed his doctoral studies in 1951.

Viest left the University of Illinois in 1957 to become a bridge engineer at the American Association of State Highway Officials (AASHTO). He joined Bethlehem Steel in 1961 as a structural engineer in its new Sales Engineering

Division, where he attained the position of assistant manager in 1974 and worked until his retirement in 1983.

Viest was a recognized expert in the area of composite construction, which led to the publication of his first book in 1958. He served as Bethlehem Steel's representative on the AISI Engineering Subcommittee that initiated significant research in steel structures, particularly for earthquake resistance. He became a member of the AISC Specification Committee in 1961 and served in that capacity for 40 years.

His achievements resulted in his election to the National Academy of Engineering in 1978 and to becoming a Distinguished Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers in 1980. In 2002 he was awarded a doctor honoris causa from Technical University of Kosice in the Slovak Republic. Upon his retirement from Bethlehem Steel, Viest opened a private consulting practice.



He was preceded in death by his wife, Barbara, who died on January 24, and his older sister, Zora, who died in Slovakia in 2002. He is survived by his younger sister, Tatiana Maria Simkova, and several nieces and nephews in Slovakia.

AWARDS

AISC Seeks Entrants for Its Awards Program

AISC is seeking nominations for its prestigious Awards Program, including the J. Lloyd Kimbrough Award, Lifetime Achievement Award and Special Achievement Award. These awards honor those who have made significant contributions to the design and construction of fabricated steel buildings and bridges.

The Kimbrough Award recognizes the pre-eminent steel designers of their era, Lifetime Achievement Awards honor living individuals who have "made a difference" in AISC's and the structural steel industry's success and the Special Achievement Awards provide recognition to individuals who have demon-

strated specific notable achievements.

Nominations are due by April 18 and should be sent to Charles J. Carter, AISC's vice president and chief structural engineer, at carter@aisc.org. For a full list of award winners and award criteria, please visit www.aisc.org/awards.