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LYNN S. BEEDLE AWARD FOR 2010 TO REIDAR BJORHOVDE

The Structural Stability Research Council (SSRC) has announced that **Reidar Bjorhovde** is the winner of the *Lynn S. Beedle Award* for 2010. Named for long-time prominent American structural engineering researcher and educator Lynn S. Beedle, the award is presented to a leading researcher and engineer who has made significant contributions to the state-of-the-art of stability knowledge and to national and international design code development. The individual is also recognized for having been a leader in fostering cooperation between structural engineering professionals worldwide.

Dr. Bjorhovde is cited for his scholarly work on column and frame stability as well as load and resistance factor design (LRFD), including the landmark research work that led to the development of the SSRC column curves. These are the basis for the column stability criteria in current American, Canadian and South African codes for the design of steel structures. Bjorhovde is also cited for his leadership role with SSRC, as Council Chairman 1998-2002 and a member of the Executive Committee for many years. He has played a leading role in a number of activities of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC), the American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) and numerous international organizations.

A Fellow of ASCE, Bjorhovde received doctoral degrees from the Norwegian Institute of Technology in Trondheim, Norway, and Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He is now President of The Bjorhovde Group, a consulting firm located in Tucson, Arizona. His career includes professorships at the University of Alberta, the University of Arizona and the University of Pittsburgh. He is the author of a large number of publications.

Bjorhovde has received numerous honors, including the T. R. Higgins Award of AISC, the J. James R. Croes Medal, the Shortridge Hardesty Award and the George Winter Award of ASCE, the Duggan Medal of the Engineering Institute of Canada, the IMCA Award of the Mexican Institute of Steel Construction, the NATO Senior Guest Scientist Award, and the prestigious Research Fellowship of the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science. He is an Honorary Fellow of the Singapore Structural Steel Society. He is further recognized through inclusion in a number of editions of *Who's Who* and similar publications.

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