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Dr Riadh Al-Mahaidi is a Professor of Structural Engineering at Swinburne University of Technology and Adjunct Professor of Civil Engineering at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia. He obtained a Bachelor degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Baghdad. He completed a Masters degree and a PhD degree at Cornell University in the United States, with a major in Structural Engineering and a minor in Theoretical and Applied Mechanics. Professor Al-Mahaidi taught at the College of Engineering, University of Baghdad from 1979 to 1991. He Joined Monash University in Melbourne Australia in December 1992, where he taught and conducted research in the area of civil infrastructure. He headed the Structures Group at Monash from 1999 to 2009. He attracted research funds in excess of \$4.5 million and conducted over 35 research/consulting projects for government, construction and consulting firms worth more than \$2.1 million. He published more than 185 technical papers in journals and international and regional conferences. He also delivered 13 keynote presentations at international conferences. He supervised 14 Masters and 1 PhD students at the University of Baghdad and supervised to successful completion 14 PhD and 5 Research Masters students at Monash University. Currently, he supervises 11 PhD students at Swinburne University and Monash University and co-supervises 2 PhD students at the University of Baghdad. In the area of higher education and research projects in Iraq, Professor Al-Mahaidi was elected president of the Australian Iraqi Forum for the past 6 years. He successfully lobbied the Australian Department of Education, Science and Technology to grant academics from Iraqi universities Endeavour Research Fellowships. To date, 46 fellowships have been awarded. Each fellowship was worth \$25,000. He also organized the visit to Australia of 4 delegations from the Ministry of Higher Education and some universities in Iraq. The visits resulted in MOU's signed with 5 Australian universities. The visits were fully funded by the Australian universities and some government agencies. In 2009, Professor Al-Mahaidi organized and delivered two engineering short courses at the Ministry of Oil in Baghdad. He also organized, participated and contributed to a number of Iraq higher education conferences in the UK, Australia, USA and Iraq. In addition to his academic posts, he holds the following positions : President of the Australian Iraqi Forum; Fellow of the Institution of Engineers, Australia; Chairman of ACI/ASCE 447 sub-Committee on FE simulation of FRP repaired concrete structures (USA); Editorial Board Member, the Open Construction and Building Technology Journal, Bentham Science Publishers; Member, Network of Iraqi Scientists Abroad 'NISA', International Institute for FRP in Construction, IIFC, American Society of Civil Engineers, American Concrete Institute, Concrete Institute of Australia and Iraq Higher Educational, Scientific and Technological Organisation, IHESTO.