



ANNOUNCEMENT

2019 SEIGSC-WVU Invited Presentation by Distinguished Professor

Morgantown, West Virginia -

The Structural Engineering Institute Graduate Student Chapter at West Virginia University is pleased to invite the chapter membership for a guest speaker presentation on April 1, 2019 at 3 PM in Room G83, Engineering Science Building.



Guest Speaker: Hota V.S. GangaRao, Ph.D., P.E., F.ASCE, F.SEI

Topic: Fiber Reinforced Composites and Applications to Civil Infrastructure

About the speaker: Dr. Hota GangaRao is the Maurice A. and Jo Ann Wadsworth Distinguished Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at West Virginia University.

An accomplished researcher, Dr. Hota serves as the director of the Constructed Facilities Center (CFC) at WVU. Established in 1988, the Center serves several federal and state agencies, conducting interdisciplinary research in the areas of composite materials, diagnostic tools, design procedures and structural components. Dr. Hota also directs the Center for the Integration of Composites into Infrastructure (CICI), a National Science Foundation Industry/University Cooperative Research Center, founded in 2009. The mission of CICI is to

accelerate the adoption of polymer composites and innovated construction material into infrastructure and transportation applications through collaborative research.

Dr. Hota was the first person to design and implement fiber-reinforced plastic decks, rebar and fabric wraps in several state bridges. His research group has been recognized with many awards at national and international levels including the 2019 SAMPE Delmonte Award for Innovation Excellence, the 2018 Award for Composites Excellence (Design) - Most Creative Application Award, the 2017 CAMX Combined Strength Award, the 2016 USACE Innovation of the Year Award and others. Dr. Hota has also been recognized at the national level for his contributions in evaluating fire damage at the historic Harpers Ferry district.

Dr. Hota is also the recipient of 2016 Civil Engineer of the Year Award from the West Virginia Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers. This award is given to a distinguished civil engineer for sustained outstanding civil engineering performance. In 2014, he was named a Fellow of the ASCE's Structural Engineering Institute.

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