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Ten of his papers have won Institution prizes. He was awarded a DSc degree in 1993 and elected to the Royal Academy of Engineering in that same year. He is a past President of the Institution of Structural Engineers and a former Council Member of the Royal Academy of Engineering. In 2006 he was awarded an OBE for services to Structural Engineering; in 2008 the Charles Massonet Prize from ECCS and in 2009 the IStructE Gold Medal.

For 10 years he was chairman of the BSI Committee responsible for the design aspects of BS5950 as well as for UK input into the preparation of EC3. He currently chairs the IStructE Committee overseeing activity designed to ease the introduction of the suite of Eurocodes into UK practice, having previously chaired the group that prepared the initial statement of need requested by the UK Government. His involvement with Structural Codes extends beyond the UK and has included speaking and writing on technical content, practical usage and general principles.

His research has included work in the areas of buckling, connections, semi-continuous construction, stainless steel and composite frames. He has supervised over 40 PhD students to completion, been responsible for a similar number of externally funded projects and spoken, often as a keynote speaker, in more than 50 countries