

# Celebrating a Decade of Overall Excellence Winners

**N**ow in its 10th year, ACI's Excellence in Concrete Construction Awards recognizes the projects at the forefront of innovation and technology. Held each fall during the ACI Concrete Convention, the Excellence Gala showcases projects that are inspired examples of excellence in concrete design and construction around the world.

The Excellence in Concrete Construction Awards has developed into a premier international project awards program. Projects are evaluated and winners are selected based on architectural and engineering merit, creativity, innovative construction techniques or solutions, innovative use of materials, ingenuity, sustainability and resilience, and functionality.

Past winners of ACI's Overall Excellence Award have included:

## 2015 Overall Excellence Winner

Museum of European and Mediterranean Civilizations, Marseille, France

Nominated by: ACI Paris Chapter

2015 Judges: Ahmad Abdelrazaq, Corina-Maria Aldea, Vivek Gadgil, Steve Lloyd, and Brit Probst

"This was a well-deserved winner. The structure blends with the surrounding mineral and stone landscape, presenting a veiled, cubic appearance," said Steve Lloyd, 2015 Judge.



Museum of European and Mediterranean Civilizations

## 2016 Overall Excellence Winner

Palazzo Italia, Milan, Italy

Nominated by: ACI Italy Chapter

2016 Judges: Roberto Uribe Afif, Corina-Maria Aldea, Ronald Klemencic, Richard Maimon, and Jeff Rodgers

"Palazzo Italia expands the application of cementitious materials to new limits. The uniquely complex geometry is made possible by the flowable nature of the material, eliminating traditional geometric boundaries. The photocatalytic properties of the new material opens new dimensions for cementitious materials by capturing airborne pollutants and turning them into inert salts. Palazzo Italia is truly a game changer," said Ronald Klemencic, 2016 Judge.

## 2017 Overall Excellence Winner

R·Torso·C, Tokyo, Japan

Nominated by: Japan Concrete Institute, ACI International Partner

2017 Judges: Corina-Maria Aldea, James Cornell, William Klorman, and David Millar

"Concrete was used as a main material for the structure of contemporary architecture. It is also an example of a structure not only successfully using unique materials and construction methods, but also being extremely beautiful," said Corina-Maria Aldea, 2017 Judge.



Palazzo Italia

### 2018 Overall Excellence Winner

Viaduct Over River Almonte, Garrovillas de Alconétar, Cáceres, Extremadura, Spain

Nominated by: Asociación Española de Ingeniería Estructural (ACHE), ACI International Partner

2018 Judges: Corina-Maria Aldea, Dean Browning, Mario Alberto Chiorino, David Millar, Debrethann Cagley Orsak, and Anita Sircar

“The reason I chose the Viaduct Over River Almonte as the overall award winner was because of the incredible engineering feat that it required to be constructed in an isolated area where it is difficult to get resources into. There were environmental issues and considerations ... and at the end of the day they ended up with a magnificent looking structure that fit in with the environment and will last the test of time,” said David Millar, 2018 Judge.



R-Torso-C

### 2019 Overall Excellence Winner

King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture (ITHRA), Eastern Province, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Nominated by: ACI Saudi Arabia Chapter

2019 Overall Judges: Tom Sawyer, Anita Sircar, and Christopher Westbrook

“This prestigious facility is a bold new initiative of Saudi Arabia to promote cultural development within the Kingdom. This is truly a cultural landmark on a regional, national, and global level,” said Anita Sircar, 2019 Overall Judge.

### 2020 Overall Excellence Winner

Kennedy Center Expansion Project, District of Columbia, United States

Nominated by: ACI National Capital Chapter

2020 Overall Judges: Glenn Bell, Maria Kaszyńska, and Robert Reinders

“The simple, clean, and crisp contours of the different structures belie the great care, the precision, and the collaboration demanded of the entire team. From conceptualization through design and execution, the Kennedy Center Expansion Project embodies all of the qualities of excellence envisioned by the awards program,” said Glenn Bell, 2020 Overall Judge.



King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture (ITHRA)



Viaduct Over River Almonte, Garrovillas de Alconétar, Cáceres



Kennedy Center Expansion Project



**Aldilonda promenade around Bastia fortress**

**2021 Overall Excellence Winner**

Aldilonda Promenade Around Bastia Fortress, Corse-du-Sud, France

Nominated by: ACI Paris Chapter

2020 Overall Judges: Anne Ellis, Jonah Hansen, and Deborah Hauptmann

“This project demonstrates such a high level of concrete product knowledge. All levers were pulled to mitigate the impacts of the harsh tidal environment, and the architectural blending with the existing site was truly extraordinary,” said Anne Ellis, 2021 Overall Judge.

**2022 Overall Excellence Winner**

Chau Chak Wing Museum, Sydney, NSW, Australia

Nominated by: Concrete Institute of Australia (CIA), ACI International Partner

2022 Overall Judges: Stephen Ayers, Emily Guglielmo, and Michael Paul

“The stately and attractive building—iconic and purposely durable—is a striking architectural statement that features the clever engineering design of the concrete structure, creative engineering design of the concrete mixtures, and a strong commitment to sustainability,” said Michael Paul, 2022 Overall Judge.

**2023 Overall Excellence Winner**

Quay Quarter Tower, Sydney, NSW, Australia

Nominated by: Concrete Institute of Australia (CIA), ACI International Partner



**Chau Chak Wing Museum**



**Quay Quarter Tower**

2023 Overall Judges: Ronald Burg, Han Ay Lie, and Roberto Stark

“The Quay Quarter Tower is an excellent example of how we can reuse an existing building and save natural resources. The team well identified the important aspects to consider when you make an expansion of an existing concrete structure,” said Roberto Stark, 2023 Overall Judge

**Plan to Attend the Awards Gala**

On the night of the awards, hundreds of attendees from the ACI Concrete Convention will convene to walk the “red carpet,” mingle with some of the brightest of the world’s concrete professionals, and celebrate innovative concrete design and construction. Join us in celebrating 10 years of Excellence.

The ACI Excellence in Concrete Construction Awards and Gala is a ticketed event on November 4, 2024, with a reception, dinner, and stage presentation of awards, followed by a red-carpet reception. Tickets are available through your convention registration at [www.aciconvention.org](http://www.aciconvention.org). Sponsorship opportunities are still available. For more information, contact Esther Beery, ACI Chapter Activities Coordinator, at [esther.beery@concrete.org](mailto:esther.beery@concrete.org).