

Armen Der Kiureghian Receives Distinguished Alumnus Award

CHICAGO - Armen Der Kiureghian, Dean of the College of Engineering at AUA and Professor of Civil Engineering and holder of the Taisei Chair at the University of California, Berkeley, received the Distinguished Alumnus



Award of the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The award citation reads: "For his contributions to the development of probabilistic and statistical methods applied to the solution of structural, civil and earthquake engineering problems, and for his dedicated efforts in assist-

ing with the establishment of the American University of Armenia." The ceremony was at the Union League Club, at the heart of Chicago, and was attended by about 250 alumni, supporters, students and faculty.

In his remarks, Der Kiureghian thanked several of his professors and noted that Professor Emeritus Narbey Khachaturian was his inspiration for his decision to go to the University of Illinois for his doctoral studies. Armen Der Kiureghian was a Fulbright scholar, a recipient of the American Society of Civil Engineers' W.L. Huber research prize, and a holder of the Mitsubishi Heavy Industry Visiting Chair at Tokyo University. He is Co-Founder and Dean of Engineering at the American University of Armenia. In recognition of his efforts in founding the American University of Armenia and fostering educational-scientific relations between the United States and Armenia, the Government of Armenia awarded him the "Movses Khorenatsi" medal in October 2001. Der Kiureghian is an elected member of the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Engineering of the Republic of Armenia.