

Brief Biography of President of PACON

Young C. Kim

Young C. Kim, Ph.D., is currently a Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering at California State University, Los Angeles. Other academic positions held include a Visiting Scholar of Coastal Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley (1971); a NATO Senior Fellow in Science at the Delft University of Technology and Delft Hydraulics Laboratory in the Netherlands (1975); and a Visiting Scientist at the Osaka City University for the National Science Foundation's U.S.-Japan Cooperative Science Program (1976). For more than a decade, he served as Chair of the Department of Civil Engineering, and recently he was Associate Dean of the College of Engineering. For his dedicated teaching and outstanding professional activities, he was awarded the university-wide Outstanding Professor Award in 1994.

He was a consultant to the U.S. Naval Civil Engineering Laboratory in Port Hueneme and later, he became a consultant to the Science Engineering Associates in San Marino where he investigated wave forces on the Howard-Doris platform structure, now being placed in Ninian Field, North Sea.

Since 1998, he served as Chair of the California Chapter and a member of the International Board of Directors of PACON. He served as the Program Coordinator of Coastal Science and Technology at PACON 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007 and was the Conference General Co-Chair of PACON 2001. He delivered the keynote lecture entitled "Progress and Challenges of Coastal Engineering" at PACON 2002. He is the recipient of the Distinguished Member Award in 2000, Ocean Service Award in 2001, and PACON International Award in 2004.

He is the past chair of the Executive Committee of the Waterway, Port, Coastal and Ocean Division of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). Recently, he served as chair of the Nominating Committee of the International Association of Hydraulic Engineering and Research (IAHR).

Dr. Kim has been involved in organizing 10 national and international conferences, has authored three books, and has published 52 technical papers in various engineering journals. Currently, he is an editor of Handbook of Coastal and Ocean Engineering to be published by the World Scientific Publishing Company.