

ASCE-IESF Cooperation

Founded in 1852, the American Society of Civil Engineers, ASCE, (https://www.asce.org/about_asce/) is the oldest civil engineering association in the United States with 150,000 members, including 25,000 outside the United States. Since 1996, its headquarters are located in Reston, Virginia. ASCE publishes weekly Smartbrief for civil engineers (<https://www.smartbrief.com/getLast.action?mode=last&b=CivilEngineers>) dealing with transportation, energy, water, structures and materials, primarily in the United States but also worldwide.

Ingénieurs et Scientifiques de France, IESF, has maintained a close relationship with ASCE since the 1990s. These relations are the subject of an Agreement of Cooperation, renewed approximately every 4 years. The latest agreement was co-signed at the end of 2020 by ASCE President K.N. Gunalan and IESF President Marc Ventre, who was elected ASCE Affiliated member in June 2018.

The cooperation concerns the exchange of information relating to the engineering profession as well as the mutual exchange of professional information disseminated to the members of each Society.

Since 1964, ASCE has been responsible for designating historically significant civil engineering constructions as *International Historic Civil Engineering Landmarks* (IHCEL) in the United States and around the world.

As part of its cooperation, IESF contributed to the ASCE programme for the awarding of this distinction in France to the École Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées founded in 1747, the Eiffel Tower built in 1889 by Gustave Eiffel and the Canal du Midi built by Paul Riquet in 1683. A commemorative plaque was placed on the spot for each distinction in 1999/2000 for the École Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées and the Eiffel Tower and in 2014 for the Canal du Midi.