

Néstor S. Ambruso Tótaró, FCSI

"For your outstanding contributions to education through the mentoring of young professionals and establishment of the first CSI student affiliate in the Southeast Region; for your work with the University of Puerto Rico by introducing faculty and administration to CSI principles and practices; and for your unceasing efforts in the re-establishment of the Puerto Rico Chapter, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 22nd. day of June 2007."
Baltimore, Maryland



NÉSTOR S. AMBRUSO TÓTARO is a native from Argentina. He obtained a Master of Architecture degree from the School of Architecture at the University of Buenos Aires in 1962, and a Bachelor of Arts and Sciences from the National College of Buenos Aires in 1960.

In 1964, Ambruso moved to the United States to work for designers and contractors in the states of California and Florida. After establishing permanent residence in Puerto Rico in the late sixties, he worked for several high-profile architectural firms in the capital city of San Juan.

Néstor joined Ray Engineers, PSC, in 1985, where he became involved with design development and construction observation for large hotel renovations and with federally funded public projects for the Government of Puerto Rico.

In 1993, Néstor obtained his certification as specification writer and since then has aggressively promoted CSI's certification programs among his peers and in the local construction industry in the island of Puerto Rico.

As chief specifications writer for Ray Engineers, PSC, Ambruso was responsible for implementing a culture of systematic research and methodology for writing specifications and contract documents based on CSI principles and practices.

Among leadership efforts as a CSI member, Néstor personally spearheaded the redevelopment of the Puerto Rico Chapter, where he held the president's chair from 2000 to 2003. He also headed the efforts toward the establishment of the first Student Affiliate of the Southeast Region at the University of Puerto Rico's School of Architecture.

Néstor loves to expand his cultural and geographical horizons and as a savvy traveler has visited dozens of countries around the world. He is planning his next travel adventure, with Asia as his destination. He soon will step on the ground of China, Japan, and Thailand. *Buon Voyage, Nestor!*

CSI Membership

Puerto Rico Chapter, 1992

Chapter Offices, Committees

President, FY 2001-2003

Vice-president, FY 2003-2005

Technical Program Chair, FY 2007, 2008

Editor, *Caribbean CSI* newsletter, FY 2002-2005

Awards

Puerto Rico Chapter

Certificate of Appreciation, 2004

Distinguished Service Award, 2005

Service Commendation, 2007

Southeast Region

Institute Director's Award, 2002

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Certificate of Commendation, 2005