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devices. He was part of a team awarded the Telford Gold Medal (2010) from the Institution of Civil Engineers for this work. His work on WSNs continued with a trial deployment on a bridge in Wuxi, China, in 2010, and then with deployments for the Cambridge Centre for Smart Infrastructure and Construction.

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Hegemier G.

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After witnessing the devastation caused by the 1971 San Fernando Valley earthquake and the 1972 Nicaragua earthquake, Gilbert Hegemier, then an aerospace engineer, decided to focus his research on developing systems to retrofit bridges, roadways, and buildings. He helped assemble a team of experts at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD). He and his colleagues have succeeded in creating and testing full-scale models of bridge column retrofit systems, which have been applied by the California Department of Transportation. These systems stood the ultimate test in the 1994 earthquake that hit Los Angeles, when 114 retrofitted bridges received only minor damage from the quake while several bridges scheduled for retrofit failed. Today, he is working with industry partners to develop and use lightweight fiber-reinforced composites (FRCs) to prevent earthquake damage and restore components of the nation's aging infrastructure. He is also working on blast mitigation techniques using FRCs to protect critical structures such as embassies from terrorist attacks.

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Foreword

I acknowledge all the special men and women I have met during my life. Special people believe in the young, believe in their dreams, and cultivate their good intentions and their small and big ambitions; special people are not selfish, believe in the next, helps and not leave others with indifference. Special people work in a transparent and fair way, believe in a better future, and do the best to change it during their lives. Special people truly believe in science, research, and the culture, and do their work seriously, not for personal gain. Special people want to live intensely this great opportunity that is life, and does it with the other, spreading positivity, courage, respect, selflessness, integrity, and honesty. Let's do that every day, and the world will be better! This page intentionally left blank

Preface

Bridges represent the top level of the intellectual capacity of the construction sector and the structural engineering field: new materials, new construction innovations, and a wide variety of studies are focused in the sector that is very near the boundary of other innovative engineering and scientific field (aerospace, materials engineering etc.). Moreover, an increasing demand for new and retrofitted infrastructure is taking place worldwide, so the interest in the bridge engineering field is remarkable from both an economic and a political point of view.

This book is the culmination of much long and hard work, which began four years ago, when I realized that a comprehensive work on the state of the art of bridges, including theory, design, construction, research and development (R&D) innovation was not present in the worldwide panorama. I haven't found any existing manuals with useful content on the market, as these usually include a lot of content without precise answers on the most crucial questions arising from the everyday experience in the theory and practice of bridge engineering and design. Instead, I realized I wanted to create an innovative handbook, a reference book that could be updated regularly in the pursuit of innovation. First, I have tried to make a monograph on the matter on my own, spending some years to research books and articles during my doctoral and postdoctoral studies on bridge engineering. Second, I realized that a lot of colleagues among academics and prominent engineers from all over had the same thoughts and trusted in the proposal to write an innovative monograph on bridge engineering and design-not a manual, but a reference book in which students, academics, and engineers could find useful information on topics arising both from the studies, but also from the practice and from research works. The preparation work of this book has been very intensive, with thousands of communications passing between me and the other authors.

I hope that this final work has successfully expressed our thoughts and goals.

All the chapters in this book have been "built"—I love that term, which highlights the fatigue and the hard time spent by contributors preparing every chapter—and presented by leaders in the specific area of expertise in question, engineers or academics who have made a very deep and appropriate preparation in their arguments. So if you are searching for the best design and research tool in this area, here you can find every-thing you need to know about bridge design, engineering, construction, and R&D.

Why do I consider this not to be a conventional book? All the chapters have been realized with the specific mood of going over the present and the past knowledge including the best, most forward-looking information we have on. We have tried to look into the future as well, and for this reason, this book is quite different from the traditional literature on the matter. Most of the chapters includes R&D information

on the specific issue, which describe research and innovations, or where research is going and what the market is asking for. Sometimes the two aspects coincide, but other times not at all.

I have personally chosen every contributor, trying at the same time to have in the same study the most prominent authority in the fields and representative authors from all over, in order to prepare a leading, innovative book.

I want to acknowledge all the authors and their collaborators, more than 100 persons from all over the world, who have worked to create what is now a real, innovative handbook.

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