

Broad-Interest CEE Seminar

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Olympia Odos Motorway (EKPPPT) ***A Greek Odyssey on the Peloponnesian Coast***

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Abstract: One of Greece's most dangerous roads, "The Highway of Death," came to its own end when the **Olympia Odos – EKPPPT Motorway** was completed in 2017.

The new €1.4 billion, 202-kilometer roadway traverses the highly seismic northern coastline of the Peloponnese and was completed after more than a decade of Herculean efforts. Despite a global financial crisis, a deep Greek recession that induced capital controls, and two multiyear construction stoppages, Langan, serving as the technical advisor to the Lenders (LTA), collaborated with the entire project team to keep the project going and create a modern, safe, and environmentally sustainable motorway, connecting previously inaccessible areas of Greece to the larger Trans-European network. The **Olympia Odos – EKPPPT Motorway** has been honored by ASCE as a finalist for the 2019 Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement award, the Society's preeminent project honor.

Speaker Bio: George Leventis is Managing Principal in Langan's New York City office, and as Managing Director of Langan International, he spearheaded opening offices in the Middle East and London. Between 1998 and 2001, Leventis served as Director General of the Organizing Committee for the Athens 2004 Olympic Games.

Leventis has over 30 years of land development engineering experience on waterfront, residential, commercial and supertall buildings; and has been Technical Advisor on several large P3 concessions. Currently, he is a Full Adjunct Professor at Columbia University teaching a graduate course on deep foundations for supertall buildings. He is also Regional Director of ACEC, ASCE Fellow, member of The Moles, member of Board of Directors of New York Building Congress, and member of Advisory Board of Columbia University CE department and of Stevens Institute of Technology School of Business.

Leventis has received numerous ACEC State and National project awards, the 2005 ASCE Outstanding Civil Engineering Achievement OPAL and 2007 DFI Outstanding Project Award for Rion-Antirion Bridge, and has been named a 2017 ENR Newsmaker for his Greek Motorway work.