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### About

Kamel Hawwash is Professor in the School of Civil Engineering and President of the European Society for Engineering Education, SEFI. He is the Convenor of the long-established MSc Construction Management Programme. He was Head of the School of Civil Engineering from 2008 to 2011. Between 2009 and 2012 he was the Regional Director for the Midlands and East Anglia for the National HE STEM Programme.

Professor Hawwash is immediate past Chair of the Association of Civil Engineering Departments, committee member of the Engineering Professors' Council and Associate of the Engineering Council, UK.

He is a very enthusiastic advocate for engineering education and his research aims to better understand the needs of industry from engineering graduates and how to ensure that engineering studies remain attractive to young people thinking about careers and those in the workforce that wish to upskill.

### Qualifications

- Fellow of the Higher Education Academy
- Member of the Association of Project Management
- MSc in Civil Engineering, UMIST, 1987
- BSc (Hons) in Civil Engineering, UMIST, 1985

### Biography

Kamel Hawwash is Professor in the School of Civil Engineering at the University of Birmingham and President of the European Society for Engineering Education (SEFI).

He graduated from UMIST with a BSc (Hons) degree in Civil Engineering in 1985. He then completed an MSc by research looking at aspects of competitive tendering in 1987. He then joined Nottingham University's Department of Civil Engineering in 1988 as Temporary Lecturer in Construction Management. He delivered courses to students in all years of the undergraduate programme.

In 1989, Kamel moved to the University of Birmingham's School of Civil Engineering to take up a post as Lecturer in Project Management. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer in 2004 and had the title of Associate Professor Conferred upon him in 2008.

Kamel was appointed as Head of the School of Civil Engineering in August 2008. Following the success of the University of Birmingham in securing the HE STEM Programme, he was appointed Regional Director for the Midlands and East Anglia Spoke in 2009. Kamel completed his Head of School appointment in 2011 and his Regional Directorship of the HE STEM Programme in 2012. He returned to the School of Civil Engineering in 2013 and is currently the Senior Tutor and Convenor of the MSc Construction Management Programme.

Kamel has taught in the area of construction project management to all years of the undergraduate programmes and the MScs in Construction Management, Road Management and Engineering and Water Resources, Technology and Management.

Before focussing on teaching and management activities, Kamel's research was in the area of construction tendering and strategy and private finance of Infrastructure projects.

More recently he has focussed on issues in engineering education, particularly on a European level. This has included developing the attractiveness theme of two European networks SOCRATES TREE and EUGENE. More recently he has focussed on engineering skills, their development and employers' requirements.

Kamel is immediate past Chair of the Association of Civil Engineering Departments and a member of the Committee of the Engineering Professors' Council in the UK. He is an Associate of the Engineering Council, UK.

### Teaching

#### Teaching Programmes

- MSc Construction Management, Individual Project, Group Working in the Construction Industry
- BEng/MEng Civil Engineering, Design and Professional Skills B, Meng Research Projects, Industrial Projects a and 2.

### Other activities

- Chair Association of Civil Engineering Departments
- Vice President and President Elect, European Society for Engineering Education (SEFI), (2012-2015)
- Member of the Committee of the Engineering Professors' Council (2010-2013)
- Associate of the Engineering Council (2010-)
- Member of the Administrative Council of SEFI (2009-12)
- Member of the Board of Trustees of Friends of Birzeit University (2008-10)

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20. Students Learning to Manage by Managing Other Students, Conference Proceedings, 'Engineering our Future' 19-20 July, 1993, University of Brighton with Seymour, DE

