



**CONGRATULATIONS DR. BENJAMIN COLUCCI-RIOS
RECIPIENT 2021 ASCE WILBUR S. SMITH AWARD***

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Dr. Benjamín Colucci-Ríos, **Member of the SAFERSIM Consortium from the University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez (UPRM)**, was elected to be the recipient of the ASCE's 2021 Wilbur S. Smith Award. This award, which was instituted by the Highway Division of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) in 1984, recognizes outstanding professional accomplishments in the field of Highway Engineering.

Dr. Colucci-Rios, a licensed professional engineer (PE), Civil and Transportation Engineering Professor of the Civil Engineering Department of the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez (UPRM), was recognized by ASCE in 2021 for his *unending leadership and dedication to action for the improvement of road safety in Puerto Rico and around the world.*

The award will be given in the ASCE's Virtual International Conference on Transportation & Development (ICTD 2021), organized by the Transportation & Development Institute (T&DI) this coming June 8 to 10, 2021.

In 2019, Dr. Colucci-Rios was also awarded the International Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) Wilbur S. Smith Distinguished Transportation Educator Award *for his outstanding contribution to the transportation profession by relating academic studies to the actual practice of transportation.* The ITE award was instituted by ITEs Board of Direction in 1993.

Dr. Colucci-Rios is the first Puerto Rican, U.S. Citizen and Ibero-American Civil Engineer and Transportation Professional that has been the recipient of both Wilbur S. Smith Awards.

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*Wilbur S. Smith, was a legend in the transportation community, known and respected worldwide for his achievements in planning, designing, and evaluating innovative transportation systems and his lifelong commitment to the profession. A licensed professional engineer (PE) in all fifty states, the District of Columbia, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Hong Kong, and Queensland, Australia; Professor and Associate Director of the Bureau of Highway Traffic at Yale University; Honorary Member of the ASCE and ITE, and elected to the National Academy of Engineering (NAE) in 1968.