

Speaker's Booklet

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This booklet contains the names, bios and contact information for the speakers at the $10^{\rm th}$ Construction Symposium.
In some cases, we do not have full information. If there is someone you wish to contact, and the information has not been provided, please contact the OGCA for more information.

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