Architects & Engineers Can't we all just get along?

Tony Hunt

"Engineers, almost by their nature, excel at group work and avoid extravagant claims. They are very conscious that design usually requires many specialists... Engineers are sensitive of claiming sole authorship"

(Happold, 1987)

Ivan Margolius (in reply)

"Architects often take credit for building designs and do not mention the contribution by other professionals without whom the final built form could not have been achieved."

(Margolius, 2002)





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World's tallest road bridge opens

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Soaring above a valley through the green hills of central France, a stunning British-designed bridge hailed as the tallest of its kind in the world opened today.

The 1.6-mile viaduc de Millau has been described as one of the most beautiful bridges ever, a work of art as much as an engineering feat.

Its architect, Sir Norman Foster, has said driving across at a record 270 metres (885ft) above the Tarn valley should feel like "flying a car".

The viaduc de Millau, the world's highest bridge, designed by Norman Foster. Photograph: Eric abanis/AFP/Get photos

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