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### 1. IABSE Conference Nara 2015: Registration soon to open!

The [IABSE Conference 'Elegance in Structures'](#), Nara, Japan, May 13-15, 2015, is well on its way and registration is expected to open on **December 18, 2014**. The Scientific Committee has selected 372 abstracts for full paper submission on the [conference Themes](#). The Keynote Speakers will be: Mike Schlaich, Germany; Ian Firth, UK; Kaori Fujita, Japan; Joseph Tortorella, USA, Sun Limin, China; Akio Kasuga, Japan; Masao Saito, Japan; Ryoichi Kanno, Japan, and Woo-Jong Kim, Korea. Two exciting [Technical Visits](#) 'Exploring Construction and Modern Retrofit Techniques for Historic Wooden Structures', and 'Exploring the Latest Construction Techniques at Takatsuki Junction and Akutagwa Bridge of NEXCO West Metropolitan Expressway' will be organised.

Registration will open [here..](#)  
Accommodation bookings can be made [here..](#)

### 2. IABSE Conference Geneva 2015 (Phase 2): Call for Abstracts!

**Deadline for Submission of Abstracts: December 31, 2014!**

[Submit your Abstract here..](#)

After a great response for the Call for Contributions (Phase 1), with many ideas for Session Topics, the Scientific Committee now proposes a list of Session Topics for the Call for Abstracts (Phase 2). Participants wishing to make a contribution in accordance with the Global Themes of the Conference are invited to submit an abstract by **December 31, 2014**, through the online submission system. More information and how to submit: [www.iabse.org/Geneva2015/Call](http://www.iabse.org/Geneva2015/Call)

### 3. WG on 'Construction History': Survey

IABSE's Working Group (WG) on 'Construction History' is working on the publication of an SED in the near future. As part of this document, the WG would like to give an overview of the state of construction history in each country. As the number of countries represented in the WG is limited, it has created an online survey to obtain more information on other countries. If you can contribute to the answers, please participate. If you know an IABSE member or other expert from your country that might be knowledgeable or active in the field of construction history, please feel free to pass the link to the survey to him or her. The Survey ends **January 15, 2015**.

GoTo the Survey [here..](#)

If you have any questions regarding the survey or the WG on '[Construction History](#)', do not hesitate to contact the Working Group: [IABSE-WGCH@mobil.hessen.de](mailto:IABSE-WGCH@mobil.hessen.de)

### 4. SEI Turns 25 - Celebrate with Us!

Vote for your favourite Structure by December 24, 2014 (extended)

[www.gallery.ethz.ch/iabsegallery](http://www.gallery.ethz.ch/iabsegallery)

Structural Engineering International (SEI) will enter its 25th year of publication, and we would like to celebrate this occasion. In 2015 we would like to publish three reports providing in-depth updates on three remarkable structures that have been featured over the past 25 years. In order to make a selection, we have provided a list of 25 structures and are asking you, our readers, to select your favourite 5 STRUCTURES. The structures in the list have either won the annual IABSE Outstanding Structure Award (from 2000 onwards), or have been carefully selected by the SEI Editorial Board (from SEI 1991-1999). Based on your ranking, the SEI Editorial Board will then select three finalists for the feature reports. Participate by voting [here..](#)

## 5. News from the National Groups

**The Netherlands** - On October 27, 2014, the Dutch Group of IABSE elected Bert H. Hesselink as its new Chair. Bert H. Hesselink, is the Representative of Collective Member 'Movares Consultants and Engineers', and is the Vice-Chair of WC2 on 'Steel, Timber and Composite Structures'. He succeeds Dik-Gert Mans, Managing Director and owner of Meged Engineering & Consultancy. IABSE thanks Dik-Gert Mans for his strong engagement and service in this position since 2006. IABSE congratulates Bert H. Hesselink on his new role and looks very much forward to future cooperation. [Contact](#) ..

**Spain** - On the occasion of the XIV Science Week Madrid 2014, the Spanish Group of IABSE in conjunction with the University CEU San Pablo and the Community of Madrid, organised two events to promote and make university students aware of creative aspects of the structural engineering. [More..](#)

**The Philippines** - Congratulations to the [IABSE Philippine Group!](#) The Founding meeting of the Philippine Group, was held on Oct. 25, 2014, in Manila, and was attended by 17 participants. Prof. Andres W. Oreta from De La Salle University, Manila, was elected as the Chair of the National Group. Presentations on IABSE were made and interesting papers from the IABSE Madrid Symposium 2014 were discussed. The Group intends to have a meeting in February and to invite Marvin Sabado as a guest speaker. Marvin Sabado, is the Fellow of Prof. H.-F. Xiang, China, Anton Tedesko Winner 2008 (IABSE Foundation). Contact: Oreta Andres, [andyoreta@yahoo.com](mailto:andyoreta@yahoo.com)

## 6. Membership Renewal 2015

Invoices for membership renewal 2015 were sent out at the end of October. If you have not yet paid your membership this can be easily done online [here..](#)

## 7. SEI Structures Congress 2015

The Structures Congress 2015, organised by SEI (ASCE) will be held in Portland, Oregon, April 23-25, 2015. There will be a 120 technical sessions in 12 concurrent tracks covering every area of the profession. Plenary Keynote Speakers will be Tad McGeer, President of Aerovel Corporation, and Avery Louise Bang, Chief Executive Officer of Bridges to Prosperity. All day Friday, Congress attendees will have access to the CASE Spring Risk Management Convocation, presented by the Council of American Structural Engineers (CASE), a coalition of the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC). [More information..](#)

## 8. Calendar of Events

2015

Co-sponsored by IABSE

**IABSE Workshop**

February 11-12, 2015, Helsinki, Finland, Safety, Robustness and Condition Assessment of Structures'. [More..](#)

Co-sponsored by IABSE

April 23-25, 2015, Portland, USA, 'Structures Congress 2015' [More..](#)

**IABSE Conference**

May 13-15, 2015, Nara, Japan, IABSE Conference 'Elegance in Structures'. [More..](#)

Co-sponsored by IABSE

July 1-3, 2015, Porto, Portugal, International Conference 'Multi-Span Large Bridges'. [More..](#)

**IABSE Conference**

September 23-25, 2015, Geneva, Switzerland, 'Structural Engineering - a solution provider to global challenges', Annual Meetings precede the Conference. [More..](#)

2016

Co-sponsored by IABSE

June 15-17, 2016, Zielona Gora, Poland, 'ICMS 2016 - XIII International Conference on Metal Structures'. [More..](#)

Co-sponsored by IABSE

July 27-29, 2016, Guimares, Portugal, 'ICSA 2016 - 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Structures and Architecture'. [More..](#)

More events on the [Calendar of the Liaison Committee](#).

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#### IABSE National Group Events

2015

**Bangladesh Group of IABSE**

August 21-22, 2015, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Joint IABSE-JSCE Conference 'Advances in Bridge Engineering-III - Towards Owning a Resilient Infrastructure'. [More..](#)

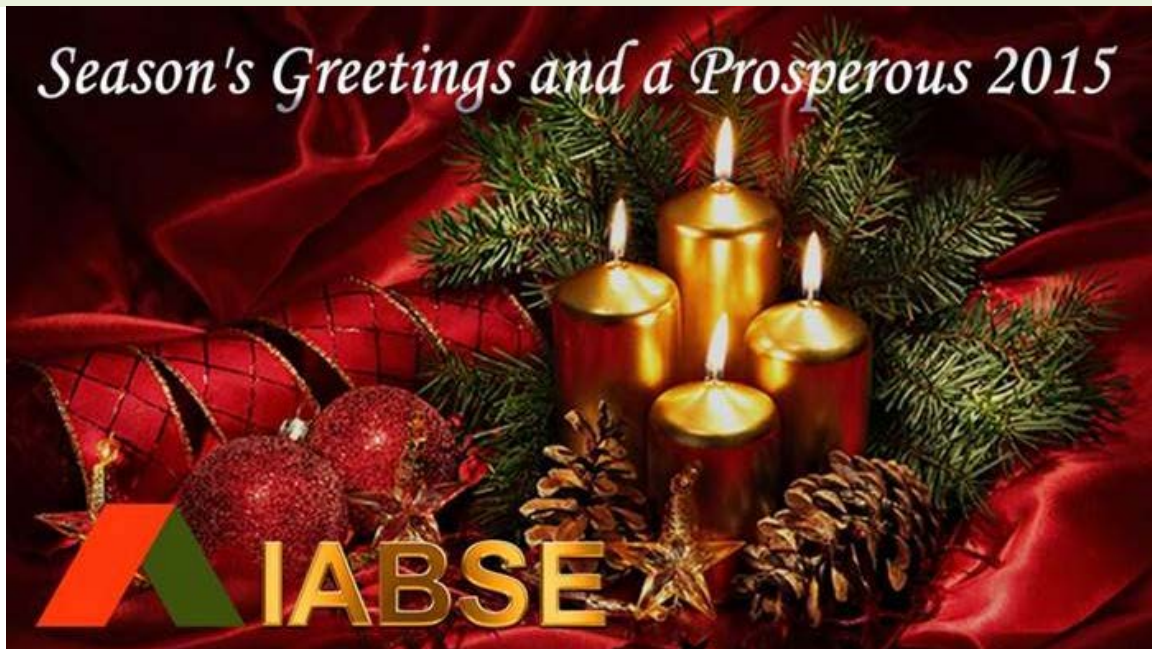
**German Group of IABSE**

- March 23, 2015, Stuttgart, Germany, 'Young Engineers Colloquium 2015'. [More..](#)

**British Group of IABSE**

- March 27, 2015, Manchester, UK, 'Future of Design'. [More..](#)

#### 9. Season's Greetings from IABSE



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