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### 1. 18th IABSE Congress Seoul 2012: Final Invitation

The Final Invitation for the IABSE Congress Seoul 2012, September 19-21, 2012, has been published and can be [downloaded here..](#)

Register online before **June 30, 2012** and benefit from the Early Bird registration fees! [www.iabse.org/Seoul2012](http://www.iabse.org/Seoul2012)

### 2. IABSE Symposium Kolkata 2013: Call for Papers

**Submission of abstracts by: August 30, 2012**

'Long Span Bridges and Roofs - Development, Design and Implementation' is the theme of the IABSE Symposium, September, 24-27, 2013, organised by the Indian Group of IABSE. Authors are invited to submit abstracts to the main themes Long Span Bridges and Long Span Roofs with the following sub-themes: Planning; Design; Research and Development; Implementation; Operation and Maintenance.

[Download the leaflet..](#)

Submit abstract online: [www.iabse.org/kolkata2013](http://www.iabse.org/kolkata2013)

### 3. Training Course on Robustness of Structures

IABSE WC 1 is co-sponsor of a Training Course on Robustness of Structures, taking place on July, 2-6, 2012 in Ohrid Macedonia. The other co-sponsors are JCSS (the Joint Committee on Structural Safety) and RILEM. IABSE WC 1 and JCSS joined forces to develop concepts and methods for ensuring the robustness of structures. The development was organised within the COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) TU06010 initiated in 2007 and finalised in 2011. It resulted in the formulation of new risk based approaches for the modelling and assessment of robustness of structures. How to register to the training course and more [here..](#)

#### 4. WC 8 'FRP Structures': Meeting in Utrecht, The Netherlands

April 26, 2012, Working Commission 8, chaired by Dolores Pulido, Spain, will meet with other professionals for presentations and discussions on 'Revised CUR96 recommendation FRP Composite Structures'. [More information..](#)

#### 5. SEI 2013: Call for Papers

Authors are invited to submit abstracts to following topics:

- **Recent Structures and Research in India** (SEI 1/2013, Feb.).  
Abstract Submission by: **May 15, 2012**
- **Advancements in Design for Seismic Action** (SEI 2/2013, May).  
Abstract Submission by: **May 15, 2012**
- **Assessment, Upgrading, Refurbishment and Conservation of Infrastructures** (SEI 3/2013, Aug.). Abstract submission deadline: **August 30, 2012**
- **Information and Communication Technology in Design and Construction** (SEI 4/2013, Nov.). Abstract submission by: **December 10, 2012**

More information and how to submit [here..](#)

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#### 6. News from the National Groups

**The Netherlands** – The Dutch Group of IABSE is supporting 'Challenging Glass 3', international conference on architectural and structural applications of glass, June 28-29, 2012, Delft, the Netherlands. The Keynote Speakers are: James Carpenter, Tim Macfarlane, Christoph Timm, Erick van Egeraat, Rogier van der Heide. More than 100 papers will be presented in parallel sessions. More information on [www.challengingglass.com](http://www.challengingglass.com) or through [info@challengingglass.com](mailto:info@challengingglass.com).Groups .

#### 7. News from Members

**Manfred A. Hirt, Switzerland**, has been presented the prestigious 'Prix Caquot 2011', by the 'Association Francaise de Génie Civil' (AFGC) in Paris, France, on March 27, 2012. The Award is presented once a year and recognises an engineer for his lifetime achievements, in particular for his scientific, technical work, and realised projects, but also for his moral qualities and its influence in the world of construction. Professor Hirt is known for his expertise in the field of fatigue and fracture mechanics of steel structures, loads and action on structures, structural safety and service ability and steel-concrete composite construction. He is Honorary Member of IABSE and on Advisory Board to the Executive of IABSE, he was President of IABSE from 2003-2007.

[See the medal; photo..](#)

**Ulrike, Kuhlmann, Germany**, has received the Honorary Medal of 'Verein Deutscher Ingenieure (VDI)' on February 12, 2012 in recognition of her outstanding

services to the division of civil engineering of the VDI. Ulrike Kuhlmann has contributed significantly to the development and application of composite structures in bridge and building construction. Noteworthy is her dedication and commitment to the promotion of young researchers and to improve the image of civil engineers in society. Prof. Kuhlmann is Head of Dept. at the Institute for Structural Design, University of Stuttgart and is also Vice-President of IABSE. Read more (in German) [here..](#)

## 8. Calendar of Events

### 2012

#### **IABSE Conference**

May 7-9, 2012, Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, 'Global Thinking in Structural Engineering: Recent Achievements'. [More..](#)

#### **IABSE Congress**

September 19-21, 2012, Seoul, Korea, 18<sup>th</sup> IABSE Congress 'Innovative and Sustainable Infrastructures Towards Human Urbanism' (Annual Meetings precede Symposium). [More..](#)

#### **Co-sponsored by IABSE**

October 24-25, 2012, Düsseldorf, Germany, International Conference at Glasstec Engineered Transparency. [More..](#)

#### **Co-sponsored by IABSE**

October 31-November 3, 2012, San Francisco, USA, 'ASCE 6th Congress on Forensic Engineering'. [More..](#)

#### **Co-sponsored by IABSE**

November 15, Shanghai, China, 'IC-SDCI' International Conference on Sustainable Development of Critical Infrastructure

### **2013**

July 24-26, 2013, Guimares, Portugal, 'ICSA 2013' with the theme 'Structures and More' organised by the School of Architecture, University of Minho. Call for Papers by February 15, 2012. [More..](#)

#### **IABSE Conference**

May 6-8, 2013, Rotterdam, The Netherlands, 'Assessment, Upgrading and Refurbishment of Infrastructures' organised by the Dutch and Belgian Groups of IABSE. Call for Papers by April 15, 2012. [More..](#)

#### **IABSE Symposium**

September 25-27, Kolkata, India, 36th IABSE Symposium 'Long Span Bridge and Roof Structures - Development, Design and Implementation' (Annual Meetings precede

Symposium)

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

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