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1. IABSE Awards 2012

IABSE is pleased to announce the Laureates for the IABSE Awards 2012:

- Honorary Membership:

to **Gilson Marchesini, Brazil**, “in high appreciation of his outstanding and dedicated service to the Association”

- The International Award of Merit in Structural Engineering:

to **Hai-Fan Xiang, China** “in recognition of his outstanding contributions to structural engineering as a professor and engineer, in particular in the fields of long-span bridge design and wind resistance research on bridges as well as flexible structures”.

- The IABSE Prize:

to **João Ramôa Correia, Portugal**, Assistant Professor at IST – Technical University of Lisbon, teaching the areas of rehabilitation and new materials. “for his significant research in GFRP structures, leading to significant achievements internationally awarded.”

- The Outstanding Paper Award:

- *in the Technical Report category:*

to the paper “**Creating the Te Rewa Rewa Bridge, New Zealand**” by P. Ch. Mulqueen published in *Structural Engineering International (SEI)*, SEI 4/11 (Nov.) pp. 486-491.

- *in the Scientific Paper category:*

to the paper “**Swiss Federal Roads Office Guidelines for Integral Bridges**” by W. Kaufmann and M. Alvarez, SEI 2/2011 (May) pp. 189-194.

- The Outstanding Structure Award:

to the **Estadio Ciudad de la Plata, Argentina**, for being “a quintessence of innovation, this 53,000-seat stadium features a striking, twin-peaked, Teflon-covered roof structure comprised of a one-of-a-kind spatial network of pre-stressed steel cables and lightweight steel

columns”

The Outstanding Structure Award Finalists were:

- Busan-Geoje Fixed Link, Korea
- Xihoumen Bridge, China

2. 18th IABSE Congress Seoul 2012

Register before **June 30, 2012**, to get Early Bird registration fees for the upcoming 18th IABSE Congress ‘Innovative Infrastructures – Toward Human Urbanism’. Register [here..](#)

Some space is still available at the Commercial Exhibition, companies wishing to display their products and services should hurry and sign up now. [More here..](#)

3. Conference Report Sharm El-Sheikh 2012

The IABSE Conference ‘Global Thinking in Structural Engineering: Recent Achievements’ in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, May 7-9, 2012, attracted 120 delegates from around 30 countries. The Scientific Committee, chaired by Fathy Saad, Egypt, prepared a programme over three days with sessions addressing: Sustainable Development and Structural Engineering; Structural Engineering and Renewable Energy Sources; Smart Structures, New Materials and Construction Techniques.

Two young engineers Declan Gavigan, Ireland, and Judy Soliman, Egypt, were awarded with a money prize for the papers presented. A third Diploma was awarded to Olga, Markogiannaki, Greece.

The Conference Report Vol 98. (Book + CD) can be purchased for CHF 65 (IABSE members) and CHF 110 (non members) [here..](#)

4. IABSE Committee Meetings in Zurich

The Administrative, Executive, Technical Committees, two Working Groups of IABSE and the Foundation Council met from May 10-13, 2012, in Zurich.

The Executive Committee approved the financial report for 2011 and discussed the outlook for 2012. Other topics on the agenda were: Decisions on awards; planning of conferences; upcoming publications and activities of Working Committees and Groups. Klaus H. Ostenfeld made a status report on the work of the Task Group for strategy planning for the future of IABSE.

The Foundation Council, was for the first time chaired by Tobia Zordan, Italy. The financial report 2011 was approved and outlook 2012 and strategy planning were discussed.

47 Committee Members and Accompanying Persons from 18 countries participated in the meetings. [Photos..](#)

5. Call for Nominations: Outstanding Structure Award 2013

Propose a nomination for the Outstanding Structure Award 2013: Please contact the Chair of your National Group, who has to submit nominations by **June 30, 2012**.

[Read the Standing Orders..](#)

[Read more about the IABSE Awards..](#)

To find the contact for your National Group, [click here..](#)

6. Survey on the Future Research Needs of Tall Buildings

The CTBUH (Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat) is leading an initiative to identify and prioritise research in the field of tall buildings. Working in conjunction with the CIB (International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction) and UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation). The survey will take no more than 15 minutes of your time and you will be able to have access to all the reports that will be produced in the study. [GoTo Survey..](#)

7. News from Members

- **Holger Svensson** has been appointed Honorary Professor for cable-stayed bridges by the Technical University of Dresden. Since the winter term 2009/2010, Prof. Svensson, is giving lectures to 7th and 8th term students of the diploma course. From the scripts, the book "Cable-stayed Bridges 40 years of Experience Worldwide," was published in 2011. The English translation of "Cable-Stayed Bridges 40 Years of Experience Worldwide" has recently been published with Wiley/Blackwell.

- **Patrick Teuffel** has been appointed as new Professor of Innovative Structural Design (ISD) at the Faculty of the Built Environment Eindhoven University of Technology (TU/e).

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8. News from the National Groups

China - The Chinese Group of IABSE held a representative meeting of IABSE Chinese Members in Wuhan, Hubei Province on May 15, 2012. On behalf of 111 individual members and 10 collective members of IABSE, 42 representatives attended the meeting. It was held together with the Council Members Meeting of the Bridge and Structural Engineering Institution of China Civil Engineering Society (CCES). Prof. Yaojun Ge from Tongji University, Chair of the Chinese Group of IABSE, presented recent information from the spring meetings in Zurich, about the Chinese

Group of IABSE and the IABSE Symposium London 2011. He encouraged the Council Members to apply for memberships of IABSE to share their engineering experiences and get more international communications and co-operation.

South Africa – The South African Group of IABSE hosted three IABSE Days in Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town on May 14, 16 and 18. The events were presented with the support of the South African Steel Construction Institute and the Joint Structural Division of the South African Institution for Civil Engineers. A total of 140 delegates enthusiastically attended the Days which included presentations from international and local speakers. This format of including presentations on high profile international projects together with interesting local projects once again proved to be very successful. [Photo \(visit at the Durban Stadium\)](#)

Switzerland – After the great success of the Young Engineers' Symposia YES06, and YES07 YES08 YES2010 the Swiss Group of IABSE is organising for the fifth time the Young Engineers' Symposium (YES2012) on October 2, 2012, at the University for applied Sciences and Arts Lucerne. More information is on the new website of the Swiss Group [here..](#)

Turkey – The Turkish Group of IABSE represented by the Turkish Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering organised the Steel Structures and Bridges Workshop on May 16-17, 2012. Speakers were Prof. Engelhardt, University of Texas, Austin, US and other local speakers. [Photo Gallery](#), website: <http://www.tkic.org.tr>.

United Kingdom – The British Group is organising the Young Engineers Conference 'Future of Design' on September 13, 2012 at University College London. Aimed at young designers this one day event is a unique opportunity to meet with peers and to be inspired by lead figures in the design world. Designers at the forefront of the industry will present cutting edge projects and young engineers they will get the chance to present own innovative work. [More information..](#)

9. Calendar of Events

2012

IABSE Congress

September 19–21, 2012, Seoul, Korea, 18th IABSE Congress 'Innovative and Sustainable Infrastructures Towards Human Urbanism' (Annual Meetings precede the Congress). [More..](#)

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October 25-26, 2012, Düsseldorf, Germany, International Conference at Glasstec Engineered Transparency. [More..](#)

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October 31-November 3, 2012, San Francisco, USA, 'ASCE 6th Congress on

Forensic Engineering'. [More..](#)

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November 15, 2012, Shanghai, China, 'IC-SDCI' International Conference on Sustainable Development of Critical Infrastructure.

2013

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

IABSE Symposium

September 24-27, 2013, Kolkata, India, 36th IABSE Symposium 'Long Span Bridge and Roofs - Development, Design and Implementation' (Annual Meetings precede Symposium). [More..](#)

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

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