



IABSE Newsletter 2012/11

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1. Nominations for IABSE Awards

You are invited to propose a nomination for the Awards 2013/2014. To do this, please contact the Chair of your National Group and submit nominations well before the following deadlines:

December 15, 2012:

- International Award of Merit in Structural Engineering
- IABSE Prize
- Honorary Membership

June 30, 2013:

- Outstanding Structure Award 2014

[Read the Standing Orders..](#)

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

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

2. SEI 4/2013: Call for Papers

Submission of Abstracts until: December 10, 2012

Authors are invited to submit abstracts for SEI 4/2013:
'Assessment, Upgrading, Refurbishment, and Conservation of Infrastructures'.

Topics: Structural performance monitoring; Assessment of the load-carrying capacity and remaining durability life; Reliability analysis and upgrading to meet the present day as

well as future criteria; Adaptability to new serviceability conditions, and, Innovative and intelligent conservation and repair materials and products.

The abstract should be a max. of 200 words and 1 figure (optional).

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

If you have questions please contact: Joan Qi Si Hoj, jqs@iabse.org

3. News from Members

- R. Shankair Nair, Past Chairman of CTBUH will hold a lecture on 'The Evolution of the Skyscraper' in the context of the Spring 2013 Khan Distinguished Lecture Series at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, USA, February 15, 2013. [More information..](#)

4. News from The National Groups

Denmark - The presentations (English) of the seminar on movable bridges held August 30, 2012, organised by the Danish Group, are available online. To see the presentations follow the link and click on 'Arrangementer'. [More here..](#)

Greece - the Greek Group of IABSE is holding its general assembly meeting on December 4, 2012, and will elect its new Executive Board. On occasion of this meeting, Theodossios Tassios, Professor Emeritus of the National Technical University of Athens, will give a lecture on 'Procedures of commission and execution of Public Works in Ancient Greece'. Contact: igspinasas@tee.gr

Switzerland

- On October 25, 2012, the General Assembly of the Swiss Group was attended by some 30 Members. It combined its meeting with an interesting technical visit and a dinner. The group visited the currently largest inner-city construction site in Switzerland, the "Durchmesserlinie Zurich" that connects with new bridges and tunnels several inner-city train stations. Some students attended the site visit as well. [Photos..](#)

More about "Durchmesserlinie Zurich" (German)..

- On October 2, 2012, the Swiss Group of IABSE held a very successful 'YES', Symposium for Young Engineers, at the University of Applied Sciences in Lucerne. Around 120 participants from Switzerland and neighbouring countries came to listen to presentations and also discuss the future of civil engineering profession in BASAAR sessions, which were moderated by renowned engineers. This form of exchange of views was highly appreciated by the participants. Prizes for best presentations were presented to Pius Renggli; Matthias Ludin, and co-authors Benjamin Kreis and Didier Sonnichler- and Erika Limacher. [Poster presented by the winners and more information here \(German/French\)..](#)

Spain - The Spanish Group of IABSE held a seminar on October 24, 2012, in Madrid, in collaboration with Eduardo Torroja Institute (Spanish National Research Council), titled 'Air versus Space. Vladimir Shukhov' delivered by Aurora Herrera. More than 70 participants attended and 80 more followed it online. The lecture can be followed on Internet (Spanish) under the following link: <https://vimeo.com/52221291>

United Kingdom – Milne Medal Winner Simon Bourne will hold the Milne Lecture on November 8, ‘Prestressing – Recovery of the Lost Art’. He will discuss the demise of prestressing and will show how these skills can be recovered. A better understanding of prestressing and how structures are constructed will enable engineers to create schemes that use their client’s money more wisely and are also elegant legacies for society. He will show how the current complexity in many levels of design should be simplified in order to find these better solutions. [More..](#)

- New Treasurer of the British Group of IABSE Jeffrey Young, paid a visit to the IABSE Secretariat in Zurich to discuss administrative matters. [Photo..](#)

5. Membership Invoices 2013

Invoices for membership fee 2013 are being sent to you this week. Thank you for paying your fees within 30 days, so that no reminders need to be sent, and extra costs can be avoided.

6. EURODDN 2014: First Call for Papers December 1, 2012

The 9th International Conference on Structural Dynamics, EURODDN 2014, will be held June 30 – July 2, 2014, Porto, Portugal. This conference is devoted to theoretical, numerical and experimental developments in structural dynamics and their application to all types of structures and dynamical systems. The conference will reflect the state of the art of structural dynamics and dynamical systems in science and engineering practice and is an opportunity to exchange scientific, technical and experimental ideas. Interested contributors are requested to submit an abstract through the [conference website here..](#)

7. IABSE History Book – an Excellent Gift!

Valuable information and unknown details reveal new aspects and the long forgotten work of many pioneers. The ‘IABSE The First 80 Years’. An excellent gift, [order here..](#)

8. Calendar of Events

2012

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December 5-7, 2012, Hong Kong, China, 1st International Conference on Performance-based and Life-cycle Structural Engineering. [More..](#)

2013

IABSE Workshop

February 14-15, 2013, Helsinki, Finland ‘Safety, Failures and Robustness of Large Structures’, organised by the Finnish Group and the Finnish Association of Civil Engineers (RIL). [More..](#)

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May 2, 2013, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, SEI/ASCE ‘The Structures 2013 Congress’. [More..](#)

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November 17-19 May, 2013 (NEW Date), Shanghai, China, 'IC-SDCI' International Conference on Sustainable Development of Critical Infrastructure. [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..](#)

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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 Symposium

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

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June 30 - July 2, Porto, Portugal, EURO DYN'2014 -IX International Conference on Structural Dynamics. [More..](#)

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