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1. WWW.IABSE.ORG: New Technology and Look

The IABSE website www.iabse.org has been changed to new technology and new look. The software used is one of the most versatile programmes for association management, used by over 3000 not-for-profit organisations in about 20 countries. Full integration of website and database for addresses, membership and committees eliminates data redundancy. The new system provides the possibility to interact online and use social media like blogs, forums and wikis. To logon, please use the username and password sent to you at the end of January.

The content of the old website and the members' area has been transferred to the new website. New features will be added in the months to come. Any feedback and comment is welcome, please contact [Chep Uytiepo](mailto:Chep.Uytiepo@iabse.org) or [Sissel Niggeler](mailto:Sissel.Niggeler@iabse.org).

2. Predrag Popovic Visits the Finnish Group of IABSE

Predrag Popovic, President of IABSE traveled to Finland where he met with the Finnish Association of Civil Engineers, RIL, and attended the General Assembly of the Finnish Group of IABSE on January 11, 2012. The President gave a talk about "Fundamental Causes of Bridge Failures" and also presented a diploma to Aarne Jutila, Chair of the Finnish Group, who was ending his 24 years of chairmanship. Ten individual members and representatives of four collective members of IABSE attended the meeting and elected Risto Kiviluoma, from WSP Group Finland, as their new Chair for the next four years. Predrag Popovic was thanked for the special honour of his presence and contribution at the General Assembly that was followed by a dinner. [Photos..](#)

3. Sharm El-Sheikh: Early Bird Registration Extended

15 February, 2012 is the extended deadline for Early Bird registration for the Conference 'Global Thinking in Structural Engineering: Recent Achievements', May 7-9, 2012, Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.

Themes and Topics:

1. Structural Engineering as part of Multi-disciplinary Systems
2. Sustainable Development and Structural Engineering
3. Structural Engineering and Renewable Energy Sources
4. Smart Structures, New Materials and Construction Techniques

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

4. Structural Engineering International (SEI)

The SEI February 2012 issue has been published and is on its way to you. Look forward to reading [following articles...](#)

Preview May 2012 issue: SEI 2/2012 will present articles with the topic **Codes in Structural Engineering**. See the abstracts expected to be included [here..](#)

5. News from the National Groups

Switzerland – At its last meeting the Swiss Group announced that it will organise a Young Engineers' Symposium 'YES 2012' on Oct. 2, 2012, at the University of Lucerne of Applied Sciences and Arts.

Denmark – The Danish Group of IABSE in collaboration with COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) Action 'Structural Glass', held a seminar on "Structural Use of Glass – Challenges and Current research on January 13, 2012, at the Technical University of Denmark. [See the themes of lectures..](#)

6. News from Members

Zdeněk P. Bažant, USA, has been awarded the 2011 Maurice A. Biot Medal from the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). Established to honour the lifetime achievement of Maurice A. Biot, the Medal is awarded to an individual who has made outstanding research contributions to the mechanics of porous materials. The Medal will be presented in June 2012 at the ASCE Engineering Mechanics Institute Conference at University of Notre Dame.

In addition, the Czech Society for Mechanics, Prague, has instituted the Z.P. Bažant Prize for Engineering Mechanics, which will be given annually and will include a monetary award of Kc20,000 (about \$1200). [More..](#)

Holger Svensson, Germany, will give a lecture on cable stayed bridges on February 7, 2012, at the Technical University Munich, Germany. The lecture "40 Jahre Erfahrung mit Grossbrücken in aller Welt" will be organised within a series on lectures about the history of civil engineering. The lecture takes place from 16:45-18:15, at TU München, Hans-Heinrich-Meinke Hörsal, Theresienstr. 90, 80333 München. Registration requested:

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7. 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, 18th IABSE Congress 'Innovative and Sustainable Infrastructures Towards Human Urbanism' (Annual Meetings precede Symposium). [More..](#)

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October 31-November 3, 2012, San Francisco, USA, 'ASCE 6th Congress on Forensic Engineering'. Call for Abstracts by December 14, 2011, [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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