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1. Guidelines for Design Competitions for Bridges

IABSE has published 'Guidelines for Design Competitions for Bridges' completed by IABSE Working Group 3, chaired by Naeem Hussain. These Guidelines are written specifically for projects in which a bridge is the main element of infrastructure but can also include related items, such as the approaches to the bridge and its landscaping etc. The Guidelines are for the client's benefit and the purpose of the Guidelines is to give a framework for clients to procure a bridge project successfully via a design competition route.

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2. WG7 Earthquake Resistant Structures - Openings

IABSE Working Group (WG) 7 has openings for potential new members that have a strong interest or background in earthquake engineering and are prepared to participate in the activities of the Group, including attending meetings. More about WG 7 and membership nomination/application [here..](#)

3. IABSE Conference Rotterdam 2013

Early Bird registration deadline: February 15, 2013.

For reduced fees: Register by February 15, 2013 for the Rotterdam Conference 2013 'Assessment, Upgrading and Refurbishment of Infrastructures' (May 6-8).

[Register here..](#)

[Download the brochure..](#)

4. SEI 1/2013 Published!

SEI February issue (1/2013) has been published and presents technical reports on the special topic 'Structures in India', and scientific papers and technical reports on general topics. See the Table of Contents and download one free article [here..](#)

5. SEI Call for Papers: Recent Structures and Research in Spain

SEI 1/2014 (Feb.) - Abstract submission by: 25 April, 2013

Topics: Articles should deal with structures and research in Spain or with a strong Spanish input. This issue aims to bring an interesting cross-section of structures recently completed or under construction and should also include the description of an aspect that makes the structure of particular interest for presentation in SEI, e.g., a new method of construction, new materials, new research, aesthetics, safety, economy, sustainability, etc. More information and how to submit [here..](#)

6. News from Members

- **Zdeněk P. Bažant**, professor at McCormick Institute and W.P. Murphy professor of civil and mechanical engineering, and materials science at Northwestern University, was presented with Honorary Membership by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME). [More..](#)

7. News from the National Groups

Brazil - The Brazilian Group of IABSE represented by the 'Associação Brasileira de Pontes e Estruturas (ABPE)' has elected Prof. Sergio Hampshire Santos (Federal University of Rio de Janeiro) as the new Chair of the Group. Sergio Hampshire, a longstanding Member of IABSE and member of Working Group 7, succeeds Gilberto Do Valle (2005-2012). [Contact](#) the Brazilian Group of IABSE. Website: www.abpe.org.br/

Greece - At its General Assembly on December 4, 2012, the Greek Group of IABSE elected Ioannis N. Sigalas (Principal Kalliergos-OTM, Adjunct Professor, National Technical University of Athens) as its new Chair, succeeding Nikolaos Papatotiriou (2008-2012). During the event Prof. Theodossios Tassios was invited for a lecture with subject: 'Procedures of Commission and Execution of Public Works in Ancient Greece'. [More..](#) [Contact](#) the Greek Group of IABSE. Website: www.iabse.gr

USA - The USA Group of IABSE will hold its first 'Winter Meeting', March 1-3, 2013, in Scottsdale Arizona, USA. The meeting offers an interesting blend of technical talks by renowned US engineers. The purposes of this meeting are to foster greater interaction among IABSE Members in the US

through technical and social exchanges, and to promote and grow IABSE's presence and activity in the US. [More..](#)

[Contact](#) the USA Group of IABSE.

8. 5th International Conference on Forensic Engineering

ICE is organising the 5th International Conference on Forensic Engineering 'Informing the Future with Lessons from the Past' on April 16-17, London, UK. Peer reviewed papers to be presented range from technical analysis of structural failures, to the implications of forensic engineering on litigation and contracts, to education and continuing professional development in the field. IABSE Members qualify for the supporting organisation registration fee - a £100 saving. [More..](#)

9. The 2013 Structures Congress (SEI/ASCE)

The Structures 2013 Congress (SEI/ASCE), May 2-4, 2013, Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, USA, offers information from research and practice in more than 100 technical sessions including the following topics: Bridge and Transportation Structures; Buildings; Extreme Loads; Analysis and Computation; Masonry; Business and Profession Practice; Blast and more. IABSE Members qualify for partnering organisation registration fee - a USD 200 saving. Early Bird Registration is by March 7, 2013. [More..](#)

10. Calendar of Events

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..](#)

Co-sponsored by IABSE

April 16-17, 2013, London, UK, 5th International Conference on Forensic Engineering 'Informing the Future with Lessons from the Past', organised by the Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE). [More..](#)

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May 2-4, 2013, Pittsburgh, PA, USA, SEI/ASCE 'Structures 2013 Congress'. [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..](#)

Co-sponsored by IABSE

May 17-19, 2013, Shanghai, China, IC-SDCI (International Conference on Sustainable Development of Critical Infrastructure) organised by China Civil Engineering Society (CCES) and American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE). [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..](#)

2014

IABSE Symposium

September 3-5, 2014, Madrid, Spain, 37th IABSE Symposium 'Engineering for Progress, Nature and People' (Annual Meetings precede Symposium).

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

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

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