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1. Call for Papers: IABSE Workshop 'hybrid2014' in Fribourg, CH

The IABSE Workshop 'hybrid2014 by iabse.ch' about 'Exploring the Potential of Hybrid Structures for Sustainable Construction' will be held from June 22-24, 2014 in Fribourg, Switzerland. The workshop's main objective is to explore and demonstrate the potential of novel or unusual combinations of structural materials and elements for more sustainable structures and buildings. Call for Abstracts is until February 3, 2014: [More information..](#)

2. Symposium Report Kolkata 2013

Over 400 symposium participants from 30 countries gathered in Kolkata to participate in the IABSE Symposium 'Long Span Bridge and Roofs - Development and Design'. The programme offered 23 technical sessions, both plenary and parallel on the topics: Planning; Design; Research and Development; Implementation; and Operation and Maintenance. Three special sessions were held on: Poverty Alleviation; Disaster Management, as follow-ups to the discussions at Delhi in 2005 and Urban Transit and Metro. Eight Keynote Lectures and 124 contributions have been collected in the Symposium Report. The book (498 pages) and CD can be ordered at: www.iabse.org/onlineshop/

3. Elections at the Annual Meetings

This year was an election year at the IABSE Annual Meetings (held in Kolkata, Sept. 22-24).

For the period Nov. 1, 2013 until Oct. 31, 2017, the Permanent Committee elected *three new Vice-Presidents: Hyun-Moo Koh, Korea; Joe Tortorella, USA and Akira Wada, Japan*, and the *new Chair of the Technical Committee: Christian Cremona, France*.

The Executive Committee elected **Paul Lüchinger, Switzerland**, as the new Chair of the Outstanding Structure Award Committee and appointed new members to the Young Engineers Programme Board. **Daia Zwicky, Switzerland**, was elected, Vice-Chair of the Technical Committee.

The Technical Committee (TC) elected **Ann Schumacher, Switzerland**, as new Chair of

the SEI Editorial Board. The TC also elected members to Scientific Committees of future IABSE conferences and members to various Technical Groups. More details about elections to Technical Groups will be presented in SEI 1/2014 (Feb.)

4. IABSE Flag on Mount Eiger and Mont Blanc!

Many of us have hobbies and passions. A passion of Prof. Sung-Pil Chang, Korea, Vice-President of IABSE - is mountaineering! Follow the link below and see marvelous picture of him with the IABSE flag, after climbing Mount Eiger, Switzerland, on July 27. Thereafter he climbed the Mont Blanc, France, on Aug. 1, 2013. What an heroic action and what a picture, which prompts us to thank him and all those who are dedicated to IABSE and its mission. [Photo..](#)

5. News from Members

Bruno Briseghella, Italy, has been awarded with the China's Friendship Award on Sept. 29, 2013, the highest Chinese award for foreign experts who have made outstanding contributions to the country's economic and social progress. Bruno is a Professor and Director 'Research Center on Sustainable and Innovative Bridges' at Fuzhou University. At IABSE he is currently serving as Chair to the E-Learning Board. More [here..](#)(in Italian) / Read the article: '[Coming of foreign talent mutually beneficial](#)'

6. News from the National Groups

Australia: The IABSE Australia Group continues to strengthen ties with Engineers Australia and, particularly, the Structural College of Engineers Australia. Between July 9 and 11, 2014, the Structural College, together with the Structural Engineering Society of New Zealand (SESOC), will convene the ASEC 2014 Conference in Auckland. A post conference field trip to Christchurch will also be available with emphasis on post-earthquake reconstruction in that city. Details are available from www.asec2014.org.nz

United Kingdom: Future of Design 2013, the fifth Young Engineers conference for young designers was held on September 12, 2013. This event was aimed at promoting design and inspiring future generations and was organised by the British Group of IABSE and the Ken Kemp Bequest Fund in collaboration with University College London (UCL) and the Institution of Structural Engineers (IStructE). [Notes from a civil engineer here ..](#)

7. Applications for the Robert L'Hermite Medal of RILEM

RILEM, a [Liaison Committee](#) Member, is evaluating proposed candidates for the prestigious Robert L'Hermite Medal. The medal is awarded to a young person, under the age of 40, who has made an outstanding contribution to science. If you are aware of any young researcher that would be eligible for the Medal, please encourage the potential candidate to apply. Applications should be submitted in electronic form to the RILEM Secretariat General at sg@rilem.org no later than December 31, 2013 at noon at Paris time. More details and application rules [here..](#)

8. SMSB 2014

The International Conference on Short and Medium Span Bridges (SMSB) 2014 will be held July 15-18, 2014, in Calgary, Canada. Bridge engineers, researchers, contractors, and owners from around the world discuss recent practices and new

research and development concerning all types of short and medium span bridges (i.e. spans less than 150 m). The Call for Papers is extended until: **October 18, 2013.** [More information..](#)

9. Calendar of Events

2014

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February 6-7, 2014, Lausanne, Switzerland, 'Challenging Glass 4 & COST Action TU0905 Final Conference'. [More..](#)

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March 4-6, 2014, Sharjah, UAE, 'ICIMART' 14, First International Conference on Infrastructure Management, Assessment and Rehabilitation Techniques'. [More..](#)

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March 26-29, 2014, Toronto, Canada, 'World Steel Bridge Symposium 2014'. [More..](#)

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April 3-5, 2014, Boston, USA Structures Congress 2014, organised by SEI-ASCE. The USA Group is organising two 'International Sessions'. [More](#)

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May 16-18, 2014, Shanghai, China, 'IC-SDCI - International Conference on Sustainable Development of Critical Infrastructure', [More..](#)

IABSE Workshop

June 22-24, 2014, Fribourg, Switzerland, IABSE Workshop 'hybrid2014 by ivbh.ch - Exploring the Potential of Hybrid Structures for Sustainable Construction'. Call for Papers by Feb. 3, 2013. [More..](#)

Co-sponsored by IABSE

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

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July 15-18, 2014, Calgary, Canada, 'SMSB-IX, 9th International Conference on Short and Medium Span Bridges'. Call for Papers extended until Oct. 18, 2013. [More..](#)

Co-sponsored by IABSE

July 16-18, 2014, London, UK, Footbridge 2014. Call for Papers is by September 30, 2013. [More...](#)

IABSE Symposium

September 3-5, 2014, Madrid, Spain, 37th IABSE Symposium 'Engineering for Progress, Nature and People' (Annual Meetings precede Symposium). Call for Papers by August 31, 2013. [More..](#)

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

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