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### 1. David A. Nethercot New President of IABSE

David A. Nethercot, Emeritus Professor of Civil Engineering, Imperial College London, UK, assumed office as President of IABSE on November 1, 2013, for a period of three years. He follows Predrag Popovic, USA, and is the first IABSE President from the United Kingdom. Over the next three years David A. Nethercot sees it as his major task to stimulate and facilitate the new activities, enthusiastic groups and successful events at IABSE, which are the result of the recently developed Strategy of IABSE that is based on the network of strong and active National Groups of IABSE worldwide. [More..](#)

### 2. Job Advertisement - Eindhoven University of Technology

The Department of the Built Environment is looking for a Full Professor 'Sustainment of Concrete Structures' - 0,2 fte. The professor will hold the new chair of Sustainment of Concrete Structures, which will be a part of the chair MSD-Concrete Structures within the Structural Design unit. Cooperation, innovation and a multi-disciplinary approach are keywords in the research programme of this unit. [More..](#)

### 3. Permanent Committee Minutes Available online

The minutes of the 79th Meeting of the Permanent Committee held on September 24, 2013 in Kolkata, India, are available for all IABSE Members in the online Members Area [here..](#)

### 4. Call for Candidates for the 'Gustave Magnel Gold Medal'

The alumni association of engineers from Ghent University (AIG) remembers every five years the excellent engineer and professor Gustave Magnel, by awarding the 'Gustave Magnel Gold Medal Award' to a designer(s) of a civil engineering structure, built and completed within the last five years', and

which might be considered as an important and remarkable application of reinforced and/or prestressed concrete. Candidates should apply before January 15, 2014. The decision will be proposed by a jury and public announcement will be made in autumn 2014. How to apply and more information [here..](#)

## 5. Photo Gallery: IABSE Symposium Kolkata 2013

A photo Gallery with impressions of the IABSE Symposium Kolkata 2013, has been published on the IABSE website. Visit the [Photo Gallery..](#)

## 6. SEI 4/13 (Nov.) Printed

SEI 4/14 has been printed and sent to all Members and Subscribers. Special Topic of this issue is Assessment, Upgrading, Refurbishment and Conservation of Infrastructures, for more see the [Table of Contents here..](#)

## 7. News from Members

**Man-Chung Tang, USA** - The Institution of Structural Engineers has awarded Man-Chung Tang, USA, with the Gold Medal 2013. The Gold Medal is the Institution's most prestigious Award and is given to an individual who has made an exceptional contribution to the advancement of structural engineering. The Award was presented to Dr Tang in Shanghai on 31 October, 2013, whereupon he gave an address on the theme of 'Innovation'. [More information..](#)

## 8. News from the National Groups

**Switzerland** - The Swiss Group of IABSE held its general assembly on October 31, 2013, at the new 'Messe Basel' (completed 2013). Prior to the meeting a presentation was made on this new exhibition complex, and was followed by a guided tour of the structure, which offers a 38,000 m<sup>2</sup> exhibition space on the two upper floors (overspanning the 'Messeplatz') and the ground floor. The meeting was concluded with a dinner. [More on the Messe Basel..](#)

**Belgium** - The Belgian Group of IABSE held its general assembly last September, at which several new young board members were elected. On October 11, 2013, the Dutch and Belgian Groups made a site visit to the construction of four medium span steel arch railway bridges across the Albert Canal in Antwerp. [Photo..](#)

## 9. Challenging Glass 4 and COST Action TU0905 Final Conference

Challenging Glass and COST Action TU0905 on Structural Glass have joined forces in the organisation of an international conference on the Architectural and Structural Applications of Glass. The conference aims at gathering world class designers, engineers and researchers on the architectural and structural use of glass, and will take place from February 6-7, 2014 at the EPFL - Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, in Lausanne, Switzerland. The conference is organised by Christian Louter (EPFL), Freek Bos (Witteveen+Bos) and Jan Belis (UGent). **Registration is now open.** [More information..](#)

## 10. Structures Congress 2014 (SEI/ASCE)

The Structures Congress 2014 by the Structural Engineering Institute (SEI) of ASCE, will be held in Boston, USA, from April 3-5, 2014. It will include more than 120 technical sessions and the Spring Risk Management Convocation by the

Council of American Structural Engineers (CASE). More than 1200 participants are expected. [Register here..](#)

[Preliminary Programme](#)

## 11. Calendar of Events

### 2014

#### Co-sponsored by IABSE

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

#### Co-sponsored by IABSE

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

#### Co-sponsored by IABSE

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

#### Co-sponsored by IABSE

April 3-5, 2014, Boston, USA Structures Congress 2014, organised by SEI-ASCE. [More..](#)

#### Co-Sponsored by IABSE

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, 2014. [More..](#)

#### Co-sponsored by IABSE

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

#### Co-sponsored by IABSE

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

#### Co-sponsored by IABSE

July 16-18, 2014, London, UK, Footbridge 2014. [More...](#)

#### IABSE Symposium

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

### 2015

#### IABSE Symposium

September 23-25, 2015, Geneva, Switzerland, 38th IABSE Symposium. Annual Meetings precede Symposium.

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

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