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IABSE Newsletter 2014/06

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1. IABSE Awards 2014!

IABSE is pleased to announce the Laureates of the IABSE Awards 2014:

- **Honorary Membership:** in high appreciation of their outstanding and dedicated services to the Association: Predrag Popovic, USA, former President of IABSE, and Sung-Pil Chang, South Korea, former Vice-President of IABSE.

- **The International Award of Merit in Structural Engineering:**
William F. Baker, USA, *“for extending the profession of structural engineering with his ability to create clear solutions to complex engineering problems in structural systems for supertall buildings, long-span roofs and speciality structures”*.

- **IABSE Prize:**
Prof. Guido Morgenthal, Germany, *“in recognition of his significant contributions to the fields of structural dynamics and wind engineering and his involvement in many long-span bridges”*.

- **Outstanding Paper Award:**
Category ‘Technical Paper’: *“Rehabilitation of the Suspension Bridge over Zambezi River in Mozambique”* by António Reis and Claudio Baptista; Portugal; SEI 1/2013 (February), pp. 89-93.

- Category ‘Scientific Paper’: *“Vibration Mechanisms and Controls of Long-Span Bridges: A Review”* by Yozo Fujino and Dionysius Siringoringo; Japan; SEI 3/2013, (August) pp. 248-268.

- **Outstanding Structure Award:**

Winner: The Taizhou Bridge, Jiangsu, China, has been awarded with the IABSE Outstanding Structure Award 2014 for being “*a breakthrough in engineering and construction to span over large distances, the Taizhou Bridge ushers in a new generation of multiple-long-span, continuous suspension bridges*”.

Finalists - The three other structures that have reached the finals are:

- Kings Cross Western Concourse Roof, UK
- Canton Tower, Guangzhou, China
- Las Arenas, Barcelona, Spain

[More information..](#)

2. New IABSE E-Learning Platform

IABSE E-Learning has a brand new platform for you, ready to be populated!

The Platform uses Verified Learning's innovative and easy-to-use system. It works in two ways, you may:

- 1) Attend Lectures, or
- 2) Upload Lectures for others to attend!

As a Member of IABSE you can upload your own lectures, trainings or presentations! If you wish, you can charge a fee that Non-Members of IABSE must pay in order to follow your lecture! Part of the fees collected are kept by IABSE and Verified as a commission, the rest is paid to you.

This is your platform! Be one of the first contributors - as the training pool grows, there will be more and more trainings available. Share your knowledge, learn from others and if you wish even earn [some money](#). Feel free to spread the word about this new IABSE E-Learning platform! [Check it out, you will like it!..](#)

3. Special Offer - Invite your Colleagues to Join IABSE Now!

Special Offer valid until **June 30, 2014**:

Non-members who apply for IABSE Membership 2014 before June 30, 2014, are offered one IABSE publication of their choice, available at the Online Shop for free!

More and how to apply [here..](#)

4. SED 13 published: Use of Timber in Tall Multi-Storey Buildings

E-Book: Free download for Members in the [Members Area..](#)

Hardcopy: Members CHF 40; Non-members 70, [Order here..](#)

Much has been written in the last few decades about the relative merits of alternative materials for building construction. As part of such efforts, this Structural Engineering Document (SED) provides guidance to engineers on how to properly design multi-storey buildings that incorporate timber and timber-based products as superstructure elements. The scope encompasses traditional systems for buildings up to 10 storeys made from conventional timber products and innovative systems that employ modern timber-based composites, as well as emerging possibilities for using timber elements in very tall buildings.

The intended audience for this SED is structural engineering

practitioners, construction professionals, academic researchers, code drafting bodies, and students. However it is hoped that there will be ancillary audiences amongst architects, property developers, town planners, and governmental policy makers.
More information about SED 13 [here..](#)

5. Call for Contributions for an SED on Construction History

IABSE Working Group on Construction History is editing a Structural Engineering Document (SED). One part will be devoted to **Case Studies** including selected examples from all over the world demonstrating how aspects of cultural values influenced the rehabilitation of structures of high cultural values. These contributions shall highlight how knowledge and awareness of construction history was important in the development of the engineering project for the intervention. Please submit your 1 page abstract to WG Construction History: eugen.bruehwiler@epfl.ch .

More information on this Working Group [here..](#)

6. Nara Conference 2015: Call for Papers Closes June 15, 2014

Last Chance to Submit your abstract: June 15, 2014! (extended)

The IABSE Conference 'Elegance in Structures' will be held in Nara, Japan, from May 13-15, 2015. Participants have a few more days to submit their abstract according to the Themes and Topics online at: www.iabse.org/nara2015

7. Workshop 'hybrid2014 by iabse.ch'- Final Invitation and Programme

The Final Invitation and Schedule and List of Presentations are available for download [here..](#)

8. Nominations Outstanding Structure Award 2015

Reminder: You are invited to propose a nomination for the Awards 2015. To do this, please contact the Chair of your National Group and submit nominations well before: **June 30, 2014.**

[Read the Standing Orders..](#)

[OStrA Nomination Template..](#)

[List of Awardees..](#)

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

9. Membership Directory: Search by Area of Expertise

To find an expert in a certain field of Structural Engineering, search the IABSE Membership Directory by area of expertise.

To be found by others, add your own areas of expertise to the IABSE database. Enter your website account on www.iabse.org and complement your personal data. For assistance on how to login and proceed [click here..](#)

If you wish, add your photo and link to your Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter profiles! [Sign in here..](#)

Only members of IABSE have access to the Membership Directory of individual members.

10. News from the National Groups

Brasil - About 300 engineers attended the VII Brazilian Conference on Bridges and Structures (VII CBPE) in Rio de Janeiro from May 21-23,

2014, which was organised by ABECE (Brazilian Association of Consulting Engineers) and ABPE (Brazilian Association of Bridges and Structures, representing the Brazilian Group of IABSE). The main theme of the Conference was the 40th anniversary of the inauguration of Rio-Niterói Bridge. Aspects of the design, construction, monitoring and repairing of the bridge, were remembered with special presentations by Engineers B. Ernani Diaz and Carlos Henrique Siqueira. [Read more..](#)

China - The Chinese Group of IABSE held a representative meeting of IABSE Chinese Members in Dalian, Liaoning Province on May 26, 2014. On behalf of 132 individual members and 11 collective members of IABSE, 25 representatives attended the meeting. Prof. Haifan Xiang, former Vice-President of IABSE was invited to give a welcome speech. Prof. Yaojun Ge and Prof. Dong Xu from Tongji University, were re-elected as Chair and Secretary of the Chinese Group of IABSE, and Prof. Liming Sun from Tongji University was elected Vice-Chair. Four Delegates and four Alternate- delegates to the Permanent Committee were also re-elected (2014-2018). A work report of the Chinese Group was delivered to the representatives incl. information on the IABSE Symposium, awards and membership development in China during last term.

United Kingdom - The British Group of IABSE is arranging a study tour to Spain from October 2-5, 2014, to visit some of the most distinguished engineering and architecture works of Barcelona. The trip will cover both historic and modern works, as well as buildings and bridges. [More..](#)

11. Calendar of Events

2014

IABSE Workshop

June 22-24, 2014, Fribourg, Switzerland, IABSE Workshop 'hybrid2014 by ivbh.ch' -

Exploring the Potential of Hybrid Structures for Sustainable Construction'. [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 Conference

May 13-15, 2015, Nara, Japan, IABSE Conference 'Elegance in Structures'. [More..](#)

IABSE Conference

September 23-25, 2015, Geneva, Switzerland, 'Structural Engineering - a solution provider to global challenges', Annual Meetings precede the Conference.

2016

Co-sponsored by IABSE

June 15-17, Zielona Gora, Poland, 'ICMS 2016 - XIII International Conference on Metal Structures'.

Co-sponsored by IABSE

July 27-29. Guimares, Portugal, 'ICSA 2016 - 3rd International Conference on Structures and Architecture. [More..](#)

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

IABSE National Group Events

2014

Swedish Group of IABSE

June 10, 2014, Stockholm, Sweden, '[Seminarium för Brokonstruktörer](#)'

Turkish Group of IABSE

May 23, 2014, Ankara, Turkey, '[3rd Steel Bridges and Structures Workshop](#)'

British Group of IABSE

July 9-11, 2014, London, UK, Henderson Colloquium (upon invitation only)

October 2-5, 2014, Barcelona, Spain, Study Tour

Swiss Group of IABSE

October 9, 2014, Lucerne, Switzerland, '[YES2014](#)'

British Group of IABSE

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