

Structural Engineering International Celebrates 25 Years of Publishing!

Structural Engineering International (SEI), the quarterly Journal of IABSE, with an impact factor of 0.414, is the leading international journal in the field of structural engineering dealing with all types of structures and materials. *SEI* offers its readers a unique blend of short profiles on recent structures, and longer, in-depth technical articles on research, development, design, construction and maintenance. Articles are written by practicing engineers and academia from around the world and reflect the high standards of IABSE. This year, *SEI* is celebrating its 25th year of publication. There was a ceremony to mark this event at IABSE's Geneva Conference in September, 2015. A speech by *SEI* Editorial Board's Chair, Ann Schumacher was followed by a "surprise" birthday cake for all conference participants.

25 Years: Journey

1979: The Publications Committee was established and was responsible for the Periodica. It consisted of a Chair, the Executive Director, and five to six elected members. This committee, with mostly Swiss membership, was seconded by an Editorial Board of more than 200 international members who volunteered to review manuscripts for publication.

1991: The Publications Committee expanded its membership internationally and became primarily responsible for the new *SEI* journal.

2003: Name change from Publications Committee to *SEI* Editorial Board at the request of the then chair Simon Bailey. The reviewing members remained a resource but without official status. In addition, correspondents were named to report from about 16 to 20 countries. They met once a year at the annual meetings.

2006–2007:

– *SEI* copyediting and typesetting was outsourced to SPi Global

(Laserwords), India, reducing cost and increasing operational efficiency.

- 2007: 44 back issues of *SEI* were digitized and made online in IngentaConnect, thereby increasing visibility of *SEI* articles, and enhancing chances for citation.
- 2006: *SEI* joined CrossRef, and received a DOI, increasing chances for citation.
- *SEI* was indexed in several abstracting services, to increase visibility.
- New price option was made available for an "Institutional subscription".

2008–2010:

- *SEI* Advisory Board was added.
- *SEI* submissions were categorized as "Scientific Papers" and "Technical Reports" to help in impact factor evaluation.
- New front cover format.
- ScholarOne was added for online paper submission and online review system, thereby increasing operational efficiency.

2011–2015:

- *SEI* got indexed by Thomson Reuters. From an Impact Factor of 0.131 in 2012, it rose to 0.414 in 2014.
- iThenticate software was included, so that all *SEI* submissions could be screened for plagiarism.
- Expansion of the Editorial Board, to include Board Members with expertise in different fields from a global spread, like Brazil, Canada, Denmark and Japan.
- Celebration of 25 years!

Hearty Congratulations to All Readers and Authors of *SEI* !

Special thanks to:

- **The *SEI* Editorial Board**, for their tireless effort in enhancing the journal's quality and making it a

top-notch journal. Board Members, spend endless hours as Chief Reviewers of *SEI* papers, and meet regularly to discuss the editorial and publication process. The Chair, screens each and every paper when submitted and then forwards it to a Chief Reviewer— an Editorial Board Member. Photo of current *SEI* Editorial Board's photo in next page. *SEI* Editorial Board Chairs: Joerg Schneider (1979–1993); Eugen Brühwiler (1993–2001); Simon Bailey (2001–2009); H. H. (Bert) Snijder (2009–2013); Ann Schumacher (2013–2017)).

- **The Reviewers**, who are very generous with their time for *SEI*, and share their knowledge with the authors, to enhance all peer-reviewed papers quality.
- ***SEI* Correspondents and *SEI* Advisory Board**, who play a pivotal role in representing *SEI* in their countries and respective areas of expertise.
- **IABSE Secretariat**, with Alain Golay (Exec. Director 1971–2005) for his quality enhancement of the journal, and dedication to *SEI*, Ueli Brunner (Exec. Director 2005–2014), for the journal's enhancement including milestones like outsourcing production and ScholarOne, Chep Uytiepo (Acting Director 2014–), for making *SEI*'s modern age online presence and reducing mailing cost to members; Sissel Niggeler, responsible for advertisements in *SEI* since last 20 years and the "IABSE News" section in *SEI*; Brindarica Bose, Publications Manager since last 10 years for managing the journal with dedication along with the new team in Secretariat: Sherryl Hämmerli, looking after *SEI*'s subscription; Firat Cicek and Elgin Hero Francisco for IT and marketing support.
- **The Production Team** in SPi Global (Laserwords) India, with an efficient and highly dedicated team



SEI Correspondents, 2010, Venice

of Project Managers (Baskaran Elumalai and Team), typesetters (Bala and Team) and copyeditors (Parvathi and Team), working for SEI since 2007. They have enhanced the journal's final output enormously.

- **To the Printer**, AVD, and IngentaConnect for their quality printing and good customer service.
- **Last but not least, to SEI Authors and Readers**, without whom SEI wouldn't be SEI!



Current SEI Editorial Board (L to R): Adam Lubell, Canada; Anastasios Sextos, UK; Charles-Darwin Annan, Canada; Flavio Barbosa, Brazil; Scott Walbridge, Canada; Stathis Bousias, Greece
Bottom L to R: Tina Vejrum, Denmark; Takashi Yamaguchi, Japan; Dong Xu, China; Guido Morgenthal (Vice Chair), Germany; Ann Schumacher (Chair), Switzerland; Andrea Frangi, Switzerland; Ana Mandic Ivanokovic, Croatia; Dongzhou Huang, USA



SEI 25 years celebration, at the IABSE Conference Geneva, September 23, 2015, in the photo: past and present Chairs, few Editorial Board Members, Correspondents and Publ. Mgr.



IABSE Secretariat, L to R: Firat Cicek, Sissel Niggeler, Chep Uytiepo, Elgin Hero Francisco, Brindarica Bose and Sherryli Hämmerli



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