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IABSE’s 40th Symposium on ‘Tomorrow’s Megastructures’ took place in Nantes, France, from 19-21 September 2018. This Symposium’s Scientific Committee was chaired by Christian Cremona; and the Organizing Committee was chaired by Bruno Godart. The Symposium was organized by the French Group of IABSE and the French Association of Civil Engineering (AFGC).

The main theme of the conference ‘Tomorrow’s Megastructures’ was popularized in the 1960s as an architectural concept, a ‘megastructure’ is referring to a very large manmade object, though the limits of precisely how large this is, may vary considerably. The term could be applied to any especially large or tall building, but also to enormous self-supporting artificial constructions. Megastructures represent the most ambitious and spectacular constructions in the world which are all incredible technological achievements of great human adventures. These proceedings contain over 300 papers presented at the Symposium, written by an impressive list of keynote speakers (6), panellists and industry stakeholders. All papers presented and keynotes are available in the Symposium Report.

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