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1. IABSE Conference Nara 2015 - Report

The IABSE Nara Conference 'Elegance in Structures' held May 13-15, 2015, has been a great success! It attracted 390 participants and 29 exhibitors from 40 countries. As part of the Young Engineers Programme (YEP), a [workshop with a Design Competition on footbridges](#) with 52 participants was held on May 12. The conference itself included 240 presentations, with nine plenary keynotes and 25 session keynotes discussing the following themes: Elegant Structures; Historical Structures; Aesthetic Design; New Application of Materials to Structure; New Structural Forms; Innovations of Analysis, Design and Construction; Smart Solutions to Mitigate Natural Disasters, and New Technological Advances on Sustainability.

In addition to the Workshop and as part of the YEP, outstanding contributions by two Young Engineers have been awarded:

- 'Friction Damper in Steel Coupling Beams for Enhanced Seismic Resilience of High-rise Buildings' by Zhe QU, China, and
- 'Uncertainty Quantification and Calibration of Dynamic Models of Existing Bridges Considering Difference of Modeling Strategy' by Mayuko NISHIO, Japan

The conference contributions have been collected in a book and on a CD which will be available for purchase shortly at:

www.iabse.org/onlineshop

[See the photos taken during the conference..](#)

2. IABSE Conference Geneva 2015 – Last Chance for Early Bird Fees!

[Last Chance to register for Early Bird fees: May 27, 2015 \(extended\)](#)

The IABSE Conference Geneva 2015, will be held from September 23-25, 2015, and is supported by the Federal Roads Office (FEDRO) of Switzerland. It will aim to put the role of structural engineering profession on the main agenda in shaping the future society. Structural engineers with their expertise must interact with other professions and disciplines as influential and responsible contributors in forming the future sustainable society. Valuable results identifying new avenues and subjects for further research are expected. New Working Groups may be suggested to investigate and bring the identified subjects forward during the coming year for potential presentation and further discussion at the 19th IABSE Congress Stockholm in September 2016.

The new conference format is chosen to facilitate necessary debates and discussions, with possibility for participants to contribute and mutually interact productively via new session styles, which will encourage interaction between contributors setting the scene and other session participants.

Quick Links:

- [Early Bird Registration: May 27, 2015 \(extended\)](#)
- [Programme and List of Topics](#)
- [Book your Accommodation here..](#)

3. IABSE Conference Guangzhou 2016 – Submit Your Abstract by May 31, 2015

The IABSE Conference ‘Bridges and Structures Sustainability - Seeking Intelligent Solutions’ will be held from May 8-11, 2016, in Guangzhou, China. Participants wishing to present a paper according to the [Themes and Topics](#) are kindly invited to submit an abstract online by May 31 at: www.iabse.org/Guangzhou2016.

4. Spring Meetings 2015 in Zurich

The IABSE Administrative, Executive and Technical Committees and the Foundation Council will meet from May 21-23 at the ETH Zurich, Hoenggerberg in Zurich, Switzerland, for their regular spring meetings.

5. Election Year at IABSE – Submit your Nominations!

Elections and re-elections will be held in all IABSE Committees at the Annual Meetings in Geneva, September 20-23, 2015. If you wish to be a nominee or submit a nomination, please use the [Nomination Template \(max. 2 pages\)](#) and send it to the [Chair of your National Group](#) or the IABSE Secretariat in Zurich at secretariat@iabse.org. Please be informed that the Chairs of NGs have been requested to submit nominations by **June 30, 2015**.

[More about IABSE Committees..](#)

6. Preview SEI 3/2015 (August Issue)

The August issue of Structural Engineering International (SEI) will present articles on 'Engineering for Progress, Nature and People' and on recent research and interesting projects.

See the the tentative list of papers [here..](#)

7. News from the National Groups

United Kingdom - The British Group of IABSE will hold its 8th Future of Design Conference on September 10, 2015, at the Imperial College London. The conference has the fundamental objectives of encouraging and inspiring young engineers, architects and other professionals early in their careers, and helping them to share their experience and establish a network of contacts among their peers. The event will be followed by an evening dinner.

This year will feature [two Young Designers competitions](#) which are open to all engineers, architects and students under 35 years. The first will be a one-page paper competition encouraging designers to submit a summary of their innovative work for presentation during the conference. The second will be a team design competition to be judged at the conference.

[More information..](#)

The Philippines - The 17th ASEP International Convention 2015 'Advancing Structural Engineering for Cross-Border Practice', supported by the Philippine Group of IABSE will be held on May 28-30, 2015 in Manila. Andres Oreta, Chair of the IABSE Philippine Group and ASEP Fellow, will present a paper on 'Introducing sustainability concepts in the design of structures' Two more National Group Chairs, Brian Uy, Australia and Yozo Fujino, Japan, have been invited as keynote speakers. Brian Uy will talk about 'Australian advances in steel and composite structural engineering to enhance cross-border practice', and Yozo Fujino, will deliver a keynote on 'Full-scale monitoring of large structures: Long span bridges and base-isolated buildings'. [More..](#)

8. News from IABSE Secretariat

After serving since September 2005, Ueli Brunner has left his position as Executive Director of IABSE to pursue other business activities outside the Association.

Whilst Chep Uytiepo has in the interim been appointed as Acting Director, the process for the appointment of a new Executive Director will be discussed by the Executive Committee at its spring meeting in Zurich.

9. Calendar of Events

2015

Co-sponsored by IABSE

July 1-3, 2015, Porto, Portugal, International Conference 'Multi-Span Large Bridges'. [More..](#)

IABSE Conference

September 23-25, 2015, Geneva, Switzerland, IABSE Conference 'Structural Engineering - a solution provider to global challenges'.

Annual Meetings precede the Conference. [More..](#)

2016

IABSE Conference

May 8-11, 2016, Guangzhou, China, IABSE Conference 'Bridges and Structures Sustainability - Seeking Intelligent Solutions'. [More..](#)

Co-sponsored by IABSE

June 15-17, 2016, Zielona Gora, Poland, 'ICMS 2016 - XIII International Conference on Metal Structures'. [More..](#)

Co-sponsored by IABSE

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

Co-sponsored by IABSE

June 26-30, 2016, Foz do Iguacu, Brazil, IABMAS 2016, '8th International Conference on Bridge Maintenance, Safety and Management', [More..](#)

IABSE Congress

September 21-23, 2016 Stockholm, Sweden, 19th IABSE Congress 'Challenges in Design and Construction of an Innovative and Sustainable Built Environment'. Annual Meetings precede Congress.

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

IABSE National Group Events

2015

Bangladesh Group of IABSE

August 21-22, 2015, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Joint IABSE-JSCE Conference 'Advances in Bridge Engineering-III - Towards Owning a Resilient Infrastructure'. [More..](#)

British Group of IABSE

- May 21, 2015, Annual General Meeting, [More..](#)
- May 21, Annual Lecture and Dinner, [More..](#)
- September 10, Future of Design Conference London, [More..](#)

The Philippine Group of IABSE

- May 28-30, 2015, Manila, The Philippines, 17th ASEP International Convention 2015'
Advancing Structural Engineering for Cross-Border Practice'. [More..](#)

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