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Elections at the Annual Meetings of IABSE

The Annual Meetings of IABSE were held from August 25 to 27, 2003, in conjunction with the IABSE Symposium 'Structures for High-Speed Railway Transportation', Antwerp, Belgium. As at every odd year, 2003 was a year of election/re-election. The Permanent Committee proceeded with the following elections:

Prof. Manfred Hirt, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Lausanne (EPFL), will be the next President of IABSE. He will first serve one year as President-Elect under the Presidency of Prof. Manabu Ito, Tokyo and then as President for a three-year period from November 1, 2004 to October 31, 2007. Director of the Steel Structures Lab (ICOM) at EPF Lausanne, Manfred Hirt is known on the international scene for his expertise in the field of fatigue and fracture of steel structures, loads and action on structures, structural safety and serviceability and steel-concrete composite construction. At IABSE he has served in various committees during the last 20 years, and in particular as Chair of the Technical Committee and as a Vice-President (*picture available on request*).

Mr Holger Svensson, Executive Director of Leonhardt, Andrae and Partner, Stuttgart, was elected as a Vice-President of IABSE for the period from November 1, 2003 to October 31, 2007. He succeeds Prof. Joerg Schlaich, a Vice-President of IABSE from 1995 to 2003. Mr Svensson has extensive experience in the design, construction, engineering and supervision on site of long-span bridges in Europe, USA, China, Vietnam and Australia. His activities in IABSE include work in different committees, one of which resulted in the publication of a "Structural Engineering Document" on "Ship Collision with Bridges" (*picture available on request*).

Three Vice-Presidents were re-elected: *Prof. Bo Edlund*, Sweden, *Prof. Arne Jutila*, Finland and *Mr Silvino Pompeu-Santos*, Portugal.

Following this re-election and election, the Executive Committee of IABSE is composed of the President of IABSE, Prof. M. Ito, Japan, eleven Vice-Presidents: Messrs S. S. Chakraborty, India, J. Combault, France, B. Edlund, Sweden; M. Hirt, Switzerland; A. Jutila, Finland; G. Marchesini, Brazil; S. Pompeu-Santos, Portugal; H. Svensson, Germany; K. Takanashi, Japan; W. Jr. Wyllie, USA and H.-F. Xiang, China and the Chair of the Technical Committee of IABSE Prof. D. Nethercot, UK.

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