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‘Improving Infrastructure Worldwide – Bringing People Closer’

IABSE Symposium Weimar 2007, September 19-21, 2007

Final Invitation and Registration

The IABSE Symposium **‘Improving Infrastructure Worldwide – Bringing People Closer’**, organised by the German Group of IABSE, will be held in Weimar, Germany from September 19-21, 2008. The Symposium aims to provide a forum for practitioners and researchers from around the world to exchange views on infrastructure concepts. Topics for discussion will be important design considerations such as design for durability and sustainability. As a special aspect, design for movements, dealing with design, construction and monitoring of bearings and expansion joints is included. Furthermore, ensuring quality by check engineering and monitoring will be addressed.

The Scientific Committee, chaired by Professor Ulrike Kuhlmann, selected 7 keynotes and 164 oral presentations from 550 submitted abstracts. The Symposium will include following Keynote Lectures:

‘German Unity’ - a Success Story on the Development of Infrastructure in the Newly-formed German States’

Joachim Naumann, Federal Ministry of Transport and Housing, Germany

Great Demand and Great Challenge - Chinese Major Bridge Projects under Construction for Improving Traffic Infrastructure Nationwide

Yaojun Ge, Tongji University, China

Retrofitting of Fatigue Damaged Structures in Tokyo Metropolitan Expressway

Chitoshi Miki, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan

Life Cycle Management of Infrastructures: Towards an Integrated Approach of Design, Execution and Maintenance

Aad van der Horst, Delta Marine Consultants, The Netherlands

Evolution of Bridges

Man-Chung Tang, T.Y. Lin International, USA



Design for Movements in Bridges

Ove Sorensen, COWI, Denmark

Adding Confidence and Reducing Risk – the Role of Independent Design Checking in Major Projects

Ian Firth, Flint & Neill Partnership, United Kingdom

Registration starts on **April 12, 2007** and Early Bird Registration at reduced fees is possible until **June 19, 2007**. The Final Invitation and more information is available online: www.iabse.org/conferences/weimar2007/

The International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering (IABSE) comprises 4'000 members in 100 countries. Founded in 1929, IABSE deals with all aspects of planning, design, construction, maintenance and repair of civil engineering structures. To fulfil its mission, IABSE organises conferences and publishes a quarterly journal, Structural Engineering International, as well as books and reports. The Association has a number of technical groups and presents awards in recognition of outstanding contributions in the domain of structural engineering.

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