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### **IABSE China Workshop and Bridge Tour 2009 'Recent Major Bridges'**

The IABSE Workshop and Chinese Bridge Tour, organised by the Chinese Group of IABSE, Tongji University and the China Civil Engineering Society, will be held on May 11-20, 2009. The Workshop will be in Shanghai, from May 11 and 12, 2009. The topic of the workshop includes recent development and critical problems related to design, construction, management and assessment of major bridges. It will be followed by a 8 or 3 days Bridge Tour. Some of the most important bridges built recently in China, will be visited, including the Lupu Bridge, where also the Plaque Unveiling Ceremony for the IABSE Outstanding Structure Award, presented to the Bridge in 2008, will be held. This unique Bridge Tour will also offer the possibility to visit popular touristic sites and cities.

**Registration deadline is February 28, 2009.**

#### *Keynote Lectures:*

- **The Bridge Evolution In The Future**  
Sung-Pil Chang, Korea, Distinguished Professor of Incheon University, Korea, and Vice-President of IABSE,
- **The Rion-Antirion Bridge – When A Dream Becomes Reality**  
Jacques Combault, France, Finley Engineering Group, USA, and President of IABSE
- **China's Major Bridges**  
Maorun Feng, China, Chair of the Technical Consultative Committee and former General Engineer of the Ministry of Communications China
- **From Bridges Across Storebaelt and Oeresund Towards A Femern Belt Bridge**  
Niels J. Gimsing, Denmark, Emeritus Professor of Technical University of Denmark
- **Progress In Short and Medium Span Steel-Concrete Bridges**  
Manfred A. Hirt, Switzerland, Emeritus Professor of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology at Lausanne, Switzerland, and past President of IABSE (2005-2007)
- **Aesthetic Design Of Bridges – Some Personal Experiences**  
Manabu Ito, Japan, Emeritus Professor of the University of Tokyo, Japan, and past President of IABSE (2001-2004)
- **Recent Major Bridges In Korea**  
Hyun-Moo Koh, Korea, Professor of Seoul National University, and Director of Korea Bridge Design & Engineering Research Center



- **Major Bridge Projects – A Multi Disciplinary Approach**  
Klaus Ostenfeld, Denmark, past President of IABSE (1997 – 2001), recent CEO of COWI
- **The Chongqing Twin River Bridges – Dongshuimen Bridge and Qianximen Bridge**  
Man-Chung Tang, USA, Chairman of the Board of T.Y. Lin International

The Final Invitation can be downloaded online:  
<http://www.iabse.org/committees/nationalgroups/China>

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