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Call for Papers: Large Structures and Infrastructures for Environmentally Constrained and Urbanised Areas

34th IABSE Symposium, Venice, Italy, September 22-24, 2010

This Symposium intends to focus on the general theme of infrastructure within a densely populated context characterised by environmental and social constraints. Large infrastructure projects often include very important structures for their specific location and special purpose. Italy is entering into a period of large projects: the new Malpensa Intercontinental Airport, the cable-stayed railway bridge over the Po river, the new Messina Strait Crossing, the movable dams for the tide control in Venice, the facilities for the Turin winter Olympic Games, the renovated train stations in the major cities, the new Concert Halls in Rome, the refurbishment of the “La Fenice” and “La Scala” National Theatres etc.

These projects represent a limited but meaningful number of examples of structures and infrastructures connected by largely renewed infrastructural facilities: the realisation of the high-speed railway network with the re-organisation of the main urban junctions and the enlargement and modernisation of the main national highways.

The Symposium is intended for civil and structural engineers, architects and associated professionals interested in the latest achievements and developments in research, design, construction, monitoring, maintenance and performance of infrastructure works.

Themes and Topics:

1. Basis of Design; 2. Infrastructure Hazard and Safety Concepts, 3. Management and Planning of Operation and Maintenance, 4. Infrastructure Design as a meeting point for Architecture and Engineering, 5. Ethics and Social Responsibility.

Authors are invited to submit a 200-300 word abstract in English online in accordance with the themes and topics by **September 30, 2009**. The Preliminary Invitation is available on the IABSE website: www.iabse.org/venice2010

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