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### 1. Major Software Upgrade for [www.iabse.org](http://www.iabse.org)

A major upgrade has made the IABSE website much faster and more easy to use.

Try out the improved performance of:

- Membership Directory
- Updating your address online
- Public forums and blogs
- Private communities for Technical Groups

If you have forgotten your password or username, the website will send a link to reset your password/username: [www.iabse.org](http://www.iabse.org)

### 2. Last Chance: Nominations for IABSE Awards

You are invited to propose a nomination for the Awards 2014/2015. To do this, please contact the Chair of your National Group and submit nominations before the following deadlines:

#### **December 15, 2013:**

- International Award of Merit in Structural Engineering
- IABSE Prize
- Honorary Membership

#### **June 30, 2014:**

- Outstanding Structure Award 2015

[Read the Standing Orders..](#)

[Read more about the IABSE Awards..](#)

[To find the contact for your National Group, click here..](#)

### 3. News from Technical Groups

The Working Group (WG) Construction History, chaired by Eberhard Pelke, Germany, held its 2nd meeting in Hamburg on Nov. 22-23, 2013. The mission of this new WG is based on three main objectives: 1) increase awareness among structural engineers for historical and cultural aspects of structures and structural engineering; 2) illustrate and propagate the social and technical achievements of civil engineering; 3) improve methods and practice in structural engineering by showing ways for systematic and targeted integration of historical and cultural aspects in intervention projects to adapt or modify structures of high cultural values for future demands. There will be an article on this WG in the coming issue of SEI (SEI 1/14 Feb).

### 4. News from Members

**James R. Harris, USA** - will give the lecture 'The Evolution of Building Design to Resist Earthquakes' on February 21, 2014. The lecture is part of the Fazlur Rahman Khan Distinguished Lecture Series and will be held at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA. [More..](#)

**B.C. Roy, India** - On occasion of the 29th National Convention of Civil Engineers held in Shillong, India, (Nov.11-12, 2013), The Institution of Engineers (India), awarded IABSE Vice-President B. C. Roy 'Eminent Engineer 2013', in recognition of his eminence and contribution to the profession of Civil Engineering. [More..](#)

**Werner Sobek, Germany** - was awarded with a honorary doctorate from the Technical University of Graz, Austria, recognising his outstanding scientific and technological achievements in the fields of architecture and civil engineering. Werner Sobek is architect and consultant engineer, as a successor of Frei Otto and Jörg Schlaich, he heads the Institut for Lightweight Structures and Conceptual Design of the University of Stuttgart. [More information..](#) (in German)

### 5. News from the National Groups

**British Group** - From October 11-13, 2013, several members of the British Group enjoyed a tour of many bridges around Newcastle, organised by Martin Kirk. One of the highlights was the opportunity to climb up and over the historic Transporter Bridge at Middlesbrough, which is being refurbished. [Photo..](#)

**Germany** - The Young Engineers Colloquium 2014, organised by the German Group of IABSE, gives graduate and PhD students as well as young practicing engineers the opportunity to present their Master's or Doctoral theses or their first projects from practice. The Colloquium will take place at TU Dresden March 10, 2014. Former IABSE President Klaus Ostenfeld from Denmark will deliver a Keynote Lecture, followed by a day full of presentations by young engineers. The deadline for applications has been **extended to December 15, 2013**. [More..](#)

### 6. Shared Links

The Bridgehunter's Chronicles is a online column that focuses on historic bridges both in the USA as well as in Europe:

<http://thebridgehunter.areavoices.com>.

## 7. Membership Renewal 2014

Membership renewal notices will be sent by E-Mail, including a link for online payments with credit card. Prompt payment helps the environment and IABSE, as only those who do not pay within 20 days will receive an invoice on paper. In case of questions, please contact the IABSE Secretariat at [secretariat@iabse.org](mailto:secretariat@iabse.org).

## 8. Calendar of Events

### 2014

#### Co-sponsored by IABSE

February 6-7, 2014, Lausanne, Switzerland, 'Challenging Glass 4 & COST Action TU0905 Final Conference'. [More..](#)

#### Co-sponsored by IABSE

March 4-6, 2014, Sharjah, UAE, 'ICIMART' 14, First International Conference on Infrastructure Management, Assessment and Rehabilitation Techniques'. [More..](#)

#### Co-sponsored by IABSE

March 26-29, 2014, Toronto, Canada, 'World Steel Bridge Symposium 2014'.

[More..](#)

#### Co-sponsored by IABSE

April 3-5, 2014, Boston, USA Structures Congress 2014, organised by SEI-ASCE.

[More..](#)

#### Co-Sponsored by IABSE

May 16-18, 2014, Shanghai, China, 'IC-SDCI - International Conference on Sustainable Development of Critical Infrastructure', [More..](#)

#### IABSE Workshop

June 22-24, 2014, Fribourg, Switzerland, IABSE Workshop 'hybrid2014 by ivbh.ch

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Exploring the Potential of Hybrid Structures for Sustainable Construction'.

Call for Papers by Feb. 3, 2014. [More..](#)

#### Co-sponsored by IABSE

June 30-July 2, 2014, Porto, Portugal, 'EURODYN'2014 - IX International Conference on Structural Dynamics'. [More..](#)

#### Co-sponsored by IABSE

July 15-18, 2014, Calgary, Canada, 'SMSB-IX, 9th International Conference on Short and Medium Span Bridges'. [More..](#)

#### Co-sponsored by IABSE

July 16-18, 2014, London, UK, Footbridge 2014. [More...](#)

#### IABSE Symposium

September 3-5, 2014, Madrid, Spain, 37th IABSE Symposium 'Engineering for

Progress, Nature and People' (Annual Meetings precede Symposium). [More..](#)

**2015**

**IABSE Conference**

May 13-15, 2015, Nara, Japan, IABSE Conference 'Elegance in Structures'.

**IABSE Symposium**

September 23-25, 2015, Geneva, Switzerland, 38th IABSE Symposium. Annual Meetings precede Symposium.

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

**9. Best Wishes from IABSE**

Thank you for supporting IABSE in 2013 through your membership and contributions, and special thanks to all those who have invested their free time on a voluntary basis for important committee work.

The IABSE Secretariat offices will be closed from 17:00 on Friday, December 20, 2013, and will re-open at 08:00 on Monday, January 6, 2014.

We wish you Happy Holidays and are looking forward to an interesting and fruitful 2014!

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