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1. Happy New Year!

[Best wishes from us all here at IABSE Secretariat in Zurich for a very Happy New Year 2014!](#)

2. IABSE Conference Nara 2015 'Elegance in Structures'

[Abstract submission by May 15, 2014](#)

The IABSE Conference 'Elegance in Structures' will be held in Nara, Japan, from May 13-15, 2015. Participants wishing to present a paper according to the Themes and Topics, are kindly invited to submit an abstract online at:

www.iabse.org/nara2015

Themes and Topics: Historical Structures; Aesthetic Design; New Application of Materials to Building Structure; Innovations of Analysis, Design and Construction; Smart Solutions to Mitigate Natural Disasters; New Technological Advances on Sustainability.

Abstract submission: www.iabse.org/nara2015

Download brochure: [Preliminary Invitation and Call for Papers](#)

Sponsorship/Commercial Exhibition: secretariat@IABSENara2015.org

3. Workshop 'hybrid 2014 by ivbh.ch'

Reminder - [Abstract submission deadline coming up: February 3, 2014!](#)

The IABSE Workshop 'hybrid2014 by iabse.ch' about 'Exploring the Potential of Hybrid Structures for Sustainable Construction' will be held from June 22-24, 2014 in Fribourg, Switzerland. The workshop's main objective is to explore and demonstrate the potential of novel or unusual combinations of structural

materials and elements for more sustainable structures and buildings. [More information..](#)

4. Scholarships MSC: Structural Analysis of Monuments and Historical Constructions



Applications for the Advanced Masters in Structural Analysis of Monuments and Historical Constructions (MSC) - sponsored by the European Commission within the framework of the Erasmus Mundus Programme - are opened until **January 20, 2014**. This Course is organised by a Consortium of leading European Universities/Research Institutions in the field. Scholarships, ranging from 4'000 to 24'000 Euro, are available to students of any nationality. The Consortium is also available to provide Erasmus Mundus International Fellowships to outstanding non-European scholars for teaching and research activities for a period of up to three months.

Download the leaflet: www.msc-sahc.org/upload/docs/Leaflet_low.pdf
More information: www.msc-sahc.org

5. Join us on IABSE LinkedIn Group and Facebook

The IABSE LinkedIn Group has now reached 4000 members:

<http://www.linkedin.com/groups/IABSE-International-Association-Bridge-Structural-2023888>

Join us on   to share information, initiate discussions and participate in the worldwide exchange of ideas and knowledge!

6. News from the National Groups

Greece - The Hellenic Group of IABSE announces the organisation of a single session domestic conference on 'Recent Developments in Structural Engineering', on **January 14, 2014**, in Athens. Presentations will be offered by:

G. Macchi, Italy, University of Pavia; M. Virlogeux, France, Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées; M. Fardis, Greece, University of Patras; G. Gazetas, Greece, National Technical University of Athens. Within the context of this event, the 'International Award of Merit in Structural Engineering' will be presented to the 2013 recipient Professor T.P. Tassios.

India - The journal of the Indian Group 'The Bridge and Structural Engineer' is now online at ISSUU for everybody to access and to read:

http://issuu.com/iabse.secretariat/docs/bse_vol43-3_september2013_opt/1 .

Contact the Indian Group of IABSE:

http://www.iabse.org/IABSE/association/National_Groups/India.aspx