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1. Young Engineers Workshop prior to Nara Conference 2015

In the afternoon before the Nara Conference, a workshop for young engineers 'Elegance in Structures' will be held at the Nara conference venue. The workshop will consist of lectures by renowned senior engineers, and design presentations by participating young engineers. Participants are required to conceive a design of a footbridge which fits a designated construction site and submit the design by a deadline (April 30, 2015) together with the application form. In the workshop, participants will get comments from senior engineers after presenting the concepts of their designs. Excellent designs will be awarded. After the workshop, all participants are invited to join a get-together party.

[Download: Application form and the Guidelines here.](#)

2. IABSE Conference Geneva 2015

The Call for Abstracts for the IABSE Conference in Geneva has received an impressive **500 abstracts** in such a short and limited time. The conference is presented under the heading '*Providing Solutions to Global Challenges*' which will address four Global Themes:

- Climate Change and the Energy Challenge
- Global Engineering Challenges
- Break-through Technologies
- Urbanisation and Growth.

The Topics of the Scientific and Technical Sessions within the Global Themes have been selected based on a Call for Contributions to which IABSE Working Commissions, Working Groups and individual members submitted a rich collection of proposals of session topics and formats.

Quick Links:

- [Updated Programme and List of Topics..](#)
- [Early Bird Registration Fees until May 20, 2015 - Register online here](#)
- [Book your Accommodation here..](#)

3. IABSE Bulletins - Case Study 1: 'The Story of the Koror Bridge'

IABSE has expanded its publication series under the new umbrella name '[IABSE Bulletins](#)'. The first publication of this new series has been published: '[The Story of the Koror Bridge](#)', a case study by Man Chung Tang. Members can download the e-book from the [Members Area](#). Members and Non-members can order hardbound copies from our [Online Shop](#), where the hardcopy can also be purchased.

The SED Editorial Board has been renamed to the [IABSE Bulletin Editorial Board](#) and will take care of the IABSE Bulletins that will include different types of publications:

- **Case Studies** - on design, rehabilitation, forensic amongst others
- **Monographs** - incl. 'Structural Engineering Documents(SED)', and Guidelines
- **Technical Reports** - including also research publications

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4. Helsinki Workshop 2015 - Report

The Finnish Group of IABSE together with Finnish Association of Civil Engineers RIL organised the IABSE Workshop 2015 in Helsinki from February 11-12, 2015. The event assembled 63 participants from 21 countries. The theme of the Workshop 'Safety, Robustness and Condition Assessments of Structures' was the continuation of the 2013 Workshop arranged at the same venue. The Workshop consisted on five invited keynote presentations by P. Popovic (USA); D.A Nethercot, (UK); Eugen Brühwiler (CH), Michael Faber (DK); 32 scientific papers, presented orally; and two panel discussions. [Read more..](#)

The proceedings (IABSE Report Vol. 103, 298 pages) can be ordered in print against costs at: www.iabse.org/onlineshop. Individual articles can be purchased at www.ingentaconnect.com

5. Preview SEI 2/2015 (May issue)

The May issue of Structural Engineering International (SEI) will present articles on the topic 'Research and Project Papers', as well as recent research and interesting structural projects. See the tentative list of articles [here..](#)

6. News from Members

William Baker, USA - On December 12, 2014, the 12th Gustave Magnel Medal was

conferred to William Baker for the project 'The Burj Khalifa and the buttressed core'. In order to commemorate Prof. Magnel's exceptional achievements, the Association of Engineers of Ghent University (AIG) bestows this medal every fifth year to the designer of a structure, which is deemed to be an important and remarkable application of reinforced or prestressed concrete. [Read more..](#)

7. News from the National Groups

Belgium – The Belgian Group of IABSE informs that it held its annual meeting on October 23, 2014. The meeting was preceded by a [construction site visit](#) of the new steel arch bridge across the Canal Nimy-Blaton (Harchies). 16 members attended the visit and the meeting. The new chair of IABSE-B (Belgian Group), Alain Dumortier, and new board members were elected and the modified by-laws were approved.

France - the ['Association Francaise de Génie Civile \(AFGC\)](#) representing the French Group of IABSE will hold it's General Assembly on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at the FNTP (Fédérations Nationales des Travaux Publiques) in Paris. Presentations will precede the meeting incl. 'Sustainability of prestressed concrete', by Bruno Godart and a lecture on the bypass construction Nimes Montpellier, by Dominique Regallet. Thereafter awards will be conferred, and the Prix Caquot will be presented to Jacques Combault (former President of IABSE). An apéro will conclude the events.

8. Obituary

Aksel Frandsen, Honorary Member of IABSE and former Chair of the Danish Group of IABSE, passed away on February 13, 2015 at the age of 90. Aksel Frandsen has left a mark on IABSE's history that will always be referenced with the strong contribution of the Danish Group to the association's global network. IABSE friends and colleagues across the globe will keep him in honourable and dear remembrance. [Read the Obituary here..](#)

9. Calendar of Events

2015

Co-sponsored by IABSE

April 23-25, 2015, Portland, USA, 'Structures Congress 2015' [More..](#)

IABSE Conference

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

[More..](#)

Co-sponsored by IABSE

July 1-3, 2015, Porto, Portugal, International Conference 'Multi-Span Large Bridges'. [More..](#)

IABSE Conference

September 23-25, 2015, Geneva, Switzerland, IABSE Conference 'Structural

Engineering – a solution provider to global challenges’. Annual Meetings precede the Conference. [More..](#)

2016

IABSE Conference

May 8-11, 2016, Guangzhou, China, IABSE Conference ‘Bridges and Structures Sustainability - Seeking Intelligent Solutions’. [More..](#)

Co-sponsored by IABSE

June 15-17, 2016, Zielona Gora, Poland, ‘ICMS 2016 – XIII International Conference on Metal Structures’. [More..](#)

Co-sponsored by IABSE

July 27-29, 2016, Guimares, Portugal, ‘ICSA 2016 – 3rd International Conference on Structures and Architecture’. [More..](#)

IABSE Congress

September 21-23, 2016 Stockholm, Sweden, 19th IABSE Congress ‘Challenges in Design and Construction of an Innovative and Sustainable Built Environment’. Annual Meetings precede Congress

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

IABSE National Group Events

2015

Bangladesh Group of IABSE

August 21-22, 2015, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Joint IABSE-JSCE Conference ‘Advances in Bridge Engineering-III – Towards Owning a Resilient Infrastructure’. [More..](#)

British Group of IABSE

- March 27, 2015, Manchester, UK, ‘Future of Design’. [More..](#)
- March 28, 2015, Walking Tour of Manchester most interesting bridges. [More..](#)
- May 21, 2015, Annual General Meeting, [More..](#)
- May 21, Annual Lecture and Dinner, [More..](#)

German Group of IABSE

- March 23, 2015, Stuttgart, Germany, ‘Young Engineers Colloquium 2015’. [More..](#)

The Philippine Group of IABSE

- May 28-30, 2015, Manila, The Philippines, 17th ASEP International Convention 2015 ‘Advancing Structural Engineering for Cross-Border Practice’. Call for Papers by February 28, 2015. [More..](#)

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