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1. IABSE Awards 2015 Announced!

IABSE is pleased to announce the Laureates of the IABSE Awards 2015:

- Honorary Membership:

Robert Silman, USA, 'in high appreciation of his outstanding and dedicated services to the Association'.

- The International Award of Merit in Structural Engineering:

Professor José Cavallera, Spain 'for bringing together the facets of a professional designer and director of relevant structural works with research and teaching, which he has brilliantly developed throughout his life, obtaining worldwide recognition'.

- IABSE Prize:

Alejandro Bernabeu, Spain, 'in recognition of his significant contribution in strengthening the role of structural engineers in complex international and multidisciplinary projects and his involvement in many innovative structural design achievements in the field of architecture and building structures'

- Outstanding Paper Award:

- *Category 'Technical Paper'*: 'Hybrid Bridge Structure Composed of Fibre Reinforced Polymers and Steel' by M. Velkamp, J. Peeters, The Netherlands, SEI 3/2014, (August) pp. 425-427.

- *Category 'Scientific Paper'*: 'Retrofitting of the Historic Castagnara Bridge in Padua, Italy, with Fibre Reinforced Plastic Elements' by O. Bergamo, G. Russo, S. Donadello, Italy, SEI 4/2014 (November), pp. 532-543.

- Outstanding Structure Award:

Winner: The San Francisco Oakland Bay Bridge New East Span, USA, 'With a ground-breaking advanced bridge design the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge New East Span demonstrates how innovations in seismic engineering can become the bridge to making history'.

The Finalists are:

- Xiamen North Railway Station, China
- Abeno Harukas, Japan
- Nanjing Dashengguan Yangtze River Bridge, China

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2. IABSE Conference Geneva 2015

The Programme of Scientific and Technical Sessions for the Conference is available [here..](#)

- [Keynote Speakers](#) will include:
 - Toni Eder, Switzerland, Federal Office of Transport, Vice Director
 - Renzo Simoni, Switzerland, AlpTransit Gotthard AG, CEO
 - Kristel Vanderelst, Switzerland, The Global Foresight Group, Co-Founder and CEO
 - Niklaus Zepf, Switzerland, AXPO Energy Utility, Head Corporate Development
 - Robert Silman, USA, President Emeritus, Silman Associates Structural Engineers
 - Jonathan E. Porritt, UK, Environmentalist and Writer

Quick Links:

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- [Selfie Photo Contest \(ends on September 9, 2015\)](#)
- [Contact Conference Organisers](#)

3. Annual Meetings 2015

Committee members are invited to register for the Annual Meetings, which will be held from September 20-22, 2015, at the International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG). Register for the Annual Meetings [here..](#)

A weekly updated List of registered participants is available in the Members Area, sign in [here..](#)

[Chairs of the National Groups](#) are kindly reminded that the Delegates and Alternate Delegates representing their National Group at the Permanent Committee Meeting need to be communicated to secretariat@iabse.org by **August 31, 2015**. Click [here](#) to view the real-time list of Delegates per country.

To know how many Delegates and Alternate Delegates are possible per country, please refer to the [Membership Statement January 1, 2015](#).

4. Call for Papers - 19th Congress of IABSE Stockholm 2016

Coming soon: The Call for Papers for the 19th IABSE Congress will open **September 1, 2015**, at: www.iabse.org/Stockholm2016

The 19th Congress of IABSE 'Challenges in Design and Construction of an Innovative and Sustainable Built Environment' will be held from September 21-23, 2016. It will be hosted by the Swedish Group of IABSE, in co-operation with the Swedish Transport Administration and the Swedish Professionals for Built Environment. The Scientific Committee is chaired by Lennart Elfgrén from Luleå University of Technology and the Organising Committee is chaired

by Mats Karlsson from the Swedish Transportation Administration.

[Scientific Sessions](#) will give an opportunity to present research results, new technical developments, interesting project presentations, lessons learnt and future expectations. For these sessions a paper of six to eight pages in combination with 10 minutes oral presentation is expected. See the Session Topics [here..](#)

[Technical Sessions](#) and panel discussions will allow participants to present developments from academia and practice within the context of the global theme. They will start with about three to four short presentations about the specified topic followed directly by a discussion for all attendees to actively participate in. Some topics will be announced in December 2015 as a result and continuation of the IABSE conference in Geneva in 2015. See the Session Topics [here..](#)

Participants wishing to present a paper within the context of the Themes and Topics are invited to submit an abstract no longer than 300 words in English using the template that will be available online September 1, 2015, [here..](#)

5. SEI 3/2015 (August)

This August issue of SEI presents articles on recent research and interesting structural projects from around the world. Hard copies have been sent to all members and subscribers. See the Table of Contents [here..](#)

6. News From Members

- **Ian Firth, UK** - Bridges to Prosperity launched its UK Charitable Trust in July and is already gaining considerable support from companies in the UK and the rest of Europe. The charity works with local communities in remote rural areas of developing countries to provide bridges giving access to schools, markets, medical centres and other facilities. Ian Firth has been appointed as Chairman of the UK Trust which is focussing efforts on building bridges in Africa. He has recently returned from Rwanda where a team of engineers from Flint & Neill and Balfour Beatty constructed a 50m suspension bridge for the Gaseke community north of Kigali. Current plans are to build more than 7 similar bridges in Rwanda next year. For more information contact ianfirth@bridgestoprosperity.org

- **Ahsan Kareem, USA** - the Robert M. Moran Professor of Engineering has received 2015 ASCE's the Theodore von Karman Medal at the 2015 EMI Conference held late June at Stanford University. The award was made in recognition for his fundamental contributions to the quantification, modeling, simulation and analysis of dynamic load effects, and its application in aerodynamics in civil engineering, in the best forward looking tradition of Theodore von Karman.

7. Calendar of Events

2015

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..](#)

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

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

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June 26-30, 2016, Foz do Iguacu, Brazil, IABMAS 2016, '8th International Conference on Bridge Maintenance, Safety and Management'. [More..](#)

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September 5-7, 2016, Bali, Indonesia, '3rd SCESCM International Conference on Sustainable Civil Engineering Structures and Construction Materials'

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..](#)

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