

Conference Report

VIIIth ICPIC CONGRESS, OSTEND, BELGIUM, 3–5 JULY 1995.

The VIIIth International Congress on Polymers in Concrete took place in Ostend, Belgium, between 3–5 July 1995. It was organized by the Civil Engineering Department of K. U. Leuven in collaboration with the Royal Flemish Society of Engineers K.VIV. It gathered designers, researchers, producers and users of concrete–polymer composites from over 20 countries to explore the possibilities and opportunities offered by the wide range of concrete–polymer composites. The Congress started with general lectures on history, present applications, durability and future of concrete–polymer composites, after which about 100 presentations dealt with the following topics: new developments in theory and practice of polymeric materials; cement–polymer composites for repair; durability; mathematical modelling and

expert system; production techniques; application of polymer concrete in machine industry; role of polymers in restoration and conservation; high-strength concrete using polymers.

The International Scientific Committee reviewed and selected the papers and reviewers' comments were provided to authors prior to final preparation of the manuscripts, in order to guarantee the standards and the quality of the papers. All the accepted papers are published in the *Congress Proceedings* (ISBN 90-5204-027-3, 677 pp., price 4500, -BEF+shipping). Additional copies of the *VIIIth ICPIC Congress Proceedings* can be ordered from the permanent ICPIC Congress Secretariat, Ms Christine Mortelmans, Desguinlei 214, 2018 Antwerpen, Belgium. Tel: +32 3 216 09 96; Fax: +32 3 216 06 89.

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