



NEWS ITEMS

Calendar of Events

ACI Fall Convention, Atlanta Hilton and Towers, Atlanta, Georgia. Information: ACI, P.O. Box 19150, Detroit, MI 48219-0150 USA.

November 9–14, 1997

ACI 1997 International Conference on **High-Performance Concrete: Design and Materials and Recent Advances in Concrete Technology**, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Information: American Concrete Institute, P.O. Box 19150, Detroit, MI 49219-0150 USA. Fax: (313) 538-0655.

December 2–5, 1997

MRS Fall Meeting, Boston, Massachusetts. Information: Materials Research Society, 9800 McKnight St., Pittsburgh, PA 15237-6006 USA. Tel: (412) 367-3003; Fax: (412) 367-4373; World Wide Web <http://www.mrs.org/>.

**November 30–
December 4, 1997**

Symposium HH: **Advances in Materials for Cementitious Composites**, MRS Fall Meeting, Boston, MA. Information: Michael R. Silsbee, Materials Research Laboratory, University Park, PA 16802 or Judy LaRosa Thompson, PQ Corporation, 280 Cedar Grove Road, Conshohocken, PA 19428-2240.

**November 30–
December 3, 1997**

National Seminar on **Performance Enhancement of Cements and Concretes by Use of Flyash, Slag, Silica Fume, and Admixtures**, New Delhi, India. Information: S.C. Rastogi, National Council for Cement and Building Materials, 34 KM Stone, Delhi-Mathura Road, (NH-2), Ballabgarh - 121 004 (Haryana) India.

January 14–16, 1998

The Institute of Materials and the Society of Chemical Industry, **Cements for the Future: Calcium Sulfoaluminates**, 1 Carlton House Terrace, London, U.K. Information: Prof. F.P. Glasser, Dept. of Chemistry, The University of Aberdeen, Meston Walk, Aberdeen AB24 3UE U.K. Tel: (44) 1224 272906; Fax: (44) 1224 272908; or Doreen Greenaway, Conference Department (C826), The Institute of Materials, 1 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5DB. Tel: (44) 171 839 4071; Fax: (44) 171 839 6591; E-mail: Doreen-Greenaway@instmat.org.uk.

January 28, 1998

RILEM International Conference on **The Interfacial Zone in Cementitious Composites**, Haifa, Israel. Information: Prof. A.

March 8–12, 1998

Bentur or Dr. A. Katz, National Building Research Institute, Technion, Haifa 32000 Israel. E-mail: akatz@tx.technion.ac.il.

7th Conference on **High Temperature Chemistry of Silicates and Oxides**, St. Petersburg, Russia. Information: Conference Secretariat, Institute of Silicate Chemistry, Ul. Odоеvskogo, 24, korp. 2, 199155 St. Petersburg, Russia. Tel: (7) 812-218-8594; Fax: (7) 812-218-5401; e-mail: vlad@ihs2.spb.su.

March 18–20, 1998

ACI Spring Meeting, Hyatt Regency, Houston, TX. Information: ACI, P.O. Box 19150, Detroit, MI 48219-0150 USA.

March 22–27, 1998

American Ceramic Society 100th Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, OH. Information: American Ceramic Society, P.O. Box 6136, Westerville, OH 43086-6136 USA.

May 3–6, 1998

XIIIth FIP 1998 World Congress, **Challenges for Concrete in the Next Millennium**, RAI Complex, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. Information: Congress Secretariat, Concrete Society of The Netherlands, P.O. Box 411, 2800 AK, The Netherlands. Tel: (31) 182 539233; Fax: (31) 182 537510; E-mail: info@betonvereniging.nl.

May 23–29, 1998

Sixth CANMET/ACI International Conference on **Fly Ash, Silica Fume, Slag, and Natural Pozzolans in Concrete**, Royal Orchid Sheraton, Bangkok, Thailand. Information: V.M. Malhotra, CANMET, 405 Rochester Street, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0G1. Fax: (613) 992-9389.

May 31–June 5, 1998

CANMET/ACI/JCI 4th International Conference on **Recent Advances in Concrete Technology**, Hotel Clement, Tokushima, Japan. Information: V.M. Malhotra, CANMET, 405 Rochester St., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0G1. Fax: (613) 992-9389.

June 7–11, 1998

3rd ASTM Symposium on **Polymer-Modified Concrete and Mortars**, Atlanta, Georgia, USA. Information: Steven Gray, Symposium Chair, Reichhold Chemicals Inc., 2400 Ellis Road, Durham, NC 27703-5543 USA. Tel: (919) 990-8043; Fax: (919) 990-8263; e-mail: steven.gray@reichhold.com.

June 16, 1998

2nd International Conference on **Concrete under Severe Conditions, Environment and Loading, CONSEC '98**, Tromsø, Norway. Information: Odd E. GjØrv, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Faculty of Civil and Environmental Engineering, N-7934 Trondheim, Norway. Fax: (+47) 73 59 45 51; E-mail: bml@bygg.ntu.no.

June 21–24, 1998

RILEM 2nd International Conference on Rehabilitation of Structures, Melbourne, Australia. Information: Ms Liz Gray, Conference Secretary, CSIRO, Division of Building, Construction and Engineering, PO Box 56, Highett, Victoria 3190 Australia. Tel: (61) 3 9252 6000; Fax: (61) 3 9252 6400; E-mail: Liz.Gray@dbce.csiro.au. **September 21–23, 1998**

4th Beijing International Symposium on Cement and Concrete, Beijing, China. Information: Ms. Su Muzhen, Vice President, China Building Materials Academy, Guanzhuang, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100024, P.R. China. **October 27–30, 1998**

6th NCB International Seminar on Cement and Building Materials, New Delhi, India. Information: S.C. Rastogi, National Council for Cement and Building Materials, 34 Km Stone, Delhi-Mathura Road (NH-2), Ballabgarh, 121 004 (Haryana), India. Tel: (91) 129-242051; Fax: (91) 129-242100. **November 24–27, 1998**

International Symposium on The Role of Admixtures in High Performance Concrete, sponsored by RILEM Technical Committee 158, in Monterrey, N.L. Mexico. Information: Web address: <http://www.uanl.mx/UANL/Escuelas/Facultades/flc/rilem158ahc-99.html>. **March 21–26, 1999**

Call for Papers

The 20th International Conference on "Cement Microscopy" will be held April 19–23, 1998 at the Intercontinental Hotel, Guadalajara, Mexico. Topics for papers include: 1) microscopic structures of building materials; including clinker, cement, hydration products, lime, gypsum, light and heavyweight aggregates, concrete, slag, fly ash, etc.; 2) application of different types of microscopes for the quality control of clinker, cement, concrete, etc. 3) effect of additives and admixtures on the microstructure of cement and concrete and the relationship between the microstructure and concrete performance; and 4) x-ray diffraction analysis of Portland cement and related materials and the relationship between the microstructure and the mineralogical composition. A workshop demonstrating the practical application of various microscopes in evaluating clinker, cement, and concrete will be included. An exposition of the different types of microscopes will be presented.

Prospective authors of papers on Cement Raw Materials, Clinker, Cement, and Other Building Materials are requested to submit their abstracts (one original and one copy) to Mr. Louis A. Jany, Bulk Materials International Co., 3303 Columbia St., Whitehall, PA, 18052 USA. Tel: (610) 261-4429; Fax: (610) 261-4430; E-mail: loujany@enter.net. Prospective authors of papers on Concrete and Concrete Admixtures are requested to submit their abstracts (one original and one copy) to Mr. Arturo Nisperos, Construction Technology Laboratories, Inc., 5420 Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077-1030 USA. Tel: (847) 965-7500; Fax: (847) 965-6541; E-mail: anisperos@c-t-l.com.

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