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## NEWS ITEMS

## Calendar of Events

13th International Conference on **Building Materials**, Weimar, **September 24–26, 1997**  
Germany. Information: Dr.-Ing. H.-B. Fischer, Secretary of the  
Organizing Committee, HAB Weimar Universität, Orgbüro der  
Ibausil, D-99421 Weimar, Germany.

5th CANMET/ACI International Conference on **Superplasticizers and Other Chemical Admixtures in Concrete**, Rome, Italy. **October 8–10, 1997**  
Information: V.M. Malhotra, CANMET, 405 Rochester St., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0G1. Fax: (613) 992-9389.

5th International Symposium on **Brittle Matrix Composites (BMC 5)**, Staszic Place, Warsaw, Poland. Information: Prof. A.M. Brandt, IFTR, Swietokrzyska 21, 00-049 Warsaw, Poland. **October 13–15, 1997**  
Fax: (4822) 269815; E-mail: [abrandt@ippt.gov.pl](mailto:abrandt@ippt.gov.pl)

R-MRS/E-MRS Conference on **Radioactive Waste, Storage, Transportation, Recycling: Environment and Human Impact**, St. Petersburg, Russia. Information: Conference Chair, Shpalernaja Str. 49, 193015 St. Petersburg, Russia. Tel: 7-812-274-3796; **October 14–18, 1997**  
Fax: 7-812-274-1707; e-mail: [kkv@prometey2.spb.su](mailto:kkv@prometey2.spb.su).

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 48219-0150 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, **November 30–December 4, 1997**

PA 16802 or Judy LaRosa Thompson, PQ Corporation, 280 Cedar Grove Road, Conshohocken, PA 19428-2240.

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

**March 8–12, 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**

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

**June 21–24, 1998**

Engineering, N-7934 Trondheim, Norway. Fax: (+47) 73 59 45 51; E-mail: bml@bygg.ntu.no.

**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**

### 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; (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.

Abstracts should be received no later than November 15, 1997. The text, typed according to the instructions included in the proceedings of the International Cement Microscopy Association, is due February 15, 1998.

The Sidney Diamond Symposium on The Materials Science and Engineering of Concrete

and Cementitious-Based Composites will be held in the Ala Moana Hotel, Honolulu, Hawaii, August 30–September 3, 1998. The symposium is a tribute to Professor Sidney Diamond for his 35 years of contributions to the research and education in civil engineering materials.

200-word abstracts are invited on topics related to the general aspects of materials science and engineering of concrete and cement-based composites, with particular emphasis on microstructure, microporosity, durability, and physical, chemical, mechanical and fracture mechanics behaviors. Also invited are abstracts related to the characterization and effects of mineral and chemical admixtures and particulate and fibrous inclusions on these properties.

Deadline for receipt of abstracts is October 15, 1997. Authors of accepted abstracts will be expected to submit their papers by February 1, 1998. The papers will be reviewed according to normal standards and practice of refereed journals. Abstracts should be mailed to Prof. Menashi D. Cohen, Attn: Sidney Diamond Symposium, School of Civil Engineering, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, 47907 USA. Abstracts can also be faxed to (765) 497-1364 or e-mailed to: [mcohen@ce.ecn.purdue.edu](mailto:mcohen@ce.ecn.purdue.edu).

The II International Conference on “High-Performance Concrete, and Performance and Quality of Concrete Structures” will be held June 1–4, 1999 in the Hotel Serrano, Gramado, RS, Brazil. Original papers on the following topics are invited to be presented at the Congress and to be printed in the refereed proceedings to be published by the American Concrete Institute: (1) High-Performance Concrete: properties, applications, and case histories; (2) Special Concretes: mix design, production, and quality control; (3) Performance of High-Performance Concrete Structures; (4) Durability of High-Performance Concrete Structures and Protection Systems; (5) Admixtures: properties and influence on concrete performance.

The official language of the conference is Portuguese or English. Simultaneous translation will be provided. The abstracts and papers must be written in English. Conference deadlines: November 14, 1997, submission of 300-word abstract; January 15, 1998, acceptance of abstracts and notification of authors; April 15, 1998, submission of draft manuscripts for review by American Concrete Institute; August 14, 1998, acceptance of papers and notification of authors; December 15, 1998, Submission of final manuscripts typed on camera-ready paper to be supplied by American Concrete Institute. All correspondence should be directed to D.C. Dal Molin - CPGEC, C.P. 303 - Agencia Central, 90001-970 Porto Alegre, R.S., Brazil.

International Conference on “Infrastructure Regeneration and Rehabilitation,” Improving the Quality of Life Through Better Construction,” and “A Vision for the Next Millennium,” will be held June 28–July 2, 1999 at the University of Sheffield, Centre for Cement and Concrete Structural Integrity Research Institute. This is a highly focused conference on five inter-related themes, concerned with Construction Technology of the Future. The overall emphasis of the conference is on Reliability and Durability; Long-Term and Field Performance; New and Advanced Materials Technologies; Conservation of Energy, Materials Resources, and Environment; and Design Strategies for Durability Performance.

Only original unpublished contributions are solicited. All papers will be reviewed, and only papers to be presented will be accepted for publication. Deadline dates: January 31, 1998, submission of abstracts; June 30, 1998, draft papers; and January 31, 1999, final papers. Information: Norma Parkes, Conference Secretariat, Department of Mechanical Engineering, University of Sheffield, Mappin Street, Sheffield S1 3JD, U.K. Tel: (44) 114 222 7702; Fax: (44) 114 222 7890; E-mail: [n.parkes@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:n.parkes@sheffield.ac.uk). [www.shef.ac.uk/academic/A-C/ccc/events.conf.html](http://www.shef.ac.uk/academic/A-C/ccc/events.conf.html).

International Congress on “Creating with Concrete,” September 6–10, 1999, Dundee,

Scotland. This major conference will combine into a single event five opening addresses with five self contained seminars and conferences, each dealing with a particular aspect. One-Day Seminars: (1) Radical design and concrete practices; (2) Role of interfaces in concrete; (3) Controlling concrete degradation; (4) Extending performance of concrete structures; (5) Exploiting wastes in concrete. Three-Day Conferences: (1) Modern concrete materials: binders, additions and admixtures; (2) Utilizing ready mixed concrete and mortar; (3) Innovation in concrete structures: design and construction; (4) specialist techniques and materials for concrete construction; (5) Concrete durability and repair technology.

Original, novel and challenging papers are invited in English only (the Congress language) for either Seminar and/or Conference presentation in the form of title, 300-word synopsis and outline structure. Deadline for receipt of synopses is December 1, 1997. Further information may be obtained from either Website: <http://www.dundee.ac.uk/civileng/ctucongress/WELCOME.HTM>, or from Prof. R.K. Dhir, Concrete Technology Unit, University of Dundee, Dundee DD1 4HN, Scotland, U.K. Tel: (44) 1382 344 347; Fax: (44) 1382 345 524 / 344 816; E-mail: [r.k.dhir@dundee.ac.uk](mailto:r.k.dhir@dundee.ac.uk).