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News Items

Calendar of events

Engineering Conferences International meeting on **Advances in Cement and Concrete: Volume Changes, Cracking, and Durability**, Copper Mountain, CO. Additional information can be found at the conference's Website: <http://www.engconfintl.org/3ah.html>.

August 10–14, 2003

RILEM 3rd International Symposium (SCC-Iceland 2003) on **Self-Compacting Concrete**, Reykjavik, Iceland. In connection with the Symposium, two special courses on SCC will be held: Rheology of cement-based particle suspensions such as SCC by IBRI on August 13–14; and SCC-mix design and production in practice by CBI on August 15–16. Further information may be obtained from the symposium Website: www.ibri.is/scc.

August 17–20, 2003

28th Conference on **Our World in Concrete and Structures** (dedicated to Prof. Shoji Ikeda and The Japan Concrete Institute), Hotel New Otani, Singapore. Information: The Conference Director (OW03), CI-PREMIER PTE LTD, 150 Orchard Road #07-14, Orchard Plaza, Singapore 238841. Tel.: +65-67332922; Fax: +65-62353530; E-mail: cipremie@singnet.com.sg; Website: <http://www.cipremier.com>.

August 28–29, 2003

International Symposia on **Celebrating Concrete: People and Practice**, Dundee, Scotland. Information: Dr. Moray D. Newlands, Concrete Technology Unit, University of Dundee, Dundee, Scotland DD1 4HN, UK. Tel.: +44-1382-344357; Fax: +44-1382-345524; E-mail: m.d.z.newlands@dundee.ac.uk; Website: <http://www.ctuevents.co.uk>.

September 3–4, 2003

23rd Conference on **Cement and Concrete Science**, University of Leeds, Leeds, UK. Information: R.J. Mangabhai, 8 Pasture Close, North Wembley, Middlesex HA0 3JE, UK. Tel./fax: +44-208-908-3762; E-mail: r.j.mangabnai@btinternet.com.

September 8–9, 2003

2nd International Conference on **Composites in Construction**, The University of Calabria, Rende, Italy. Information: Prof. Raffaele Zinno, Dept. of Structural Engineering, University of Calabria, Via Pietro Bucci 87030, Rende (CS) Italy. E-mail: Zinno@unical.it.

September 16–19, 2003

15th International Conference on **Building Materials "ibausil"**, Weimar, Germany. Information: ibausil@bauing.uni-weimar.de; Website: <http://www.ibausil.de>.

September 24–27, 2003

7th International Conference on **Concrete in Hot and Aggressive Environments**, Bahrain. Information: Conference Secretariat, Concrete VII, Bahrain Society of Engineers, P.O. Box 835, Manama, Bahrain. Tel.: +973-727100; Fax: +973-729819; E-mail: bseng@batelco.com.bh; Website: <http://www.mohandis.org>.

October 13–15, 2003

7th CANMET/ACI International Conference on **Superplasticizers and Other Chemical Admixtures in Concrete**, Maritim ProARTE Hotel, Berlin, Germany. Information: Dr. V.M. Malhotra, CANMET, 405 Rochester St., Ottawa, ON, Canada K1A 0G1. Fax: +1-613-992-9389; E-mail: vmalhotra@nrcan.gc.ca.

October 20–24, 2003

8th NCB International Seminar on **Cement and Building Materials**, New Delhi, India. Information: The Organizing Secretary, 8th NCB International Seminar, National Council for Cement and Building Materials, 34 Km Stone, Delhi Mathura Road (NH2), Ballabgarh 121 004, Haryana, India. E-mail: seminar@ncbindia.com; Website: <http://www.ncbindia.com>.

November 18–21, 2003

8th CANMET/ACI International Conference on **Fly Ash, Silica Fume, Slag and Natural Pozzolans in Concrete**, Treasure Island Hotel, Las Vegas, NV, USA. Information: Maria Venturino, CANMET, 405 Rochester Street, Ottawa, ON, Canada K1A 0G1. Fax: +1-613-992-9389.

May 23–29, 2004

12th International Conference on **Alkali-Aggregate Reaction (ICARR) in Concrete**, Beijing, PR China. A special postconference tour will be organized to visit the Three Gorges Dam on the Yangtze River. Information: Prof. Deng Min, Secretariat of the 12th ICAAR, College of Materials Science and Engineering, Nanjing University of Technology, 5 Xin Mo Fan Road, Nanjing, Jiangsu 210009, PR China. Tel.: +86-25-2587232; Fax: +86-25-3221984; E-mail: icaar2004@dns.njut.edu.cn; Website: <http://icaar2004.njut.edu.cn>.

October 15–19, 2004

Obituary

Dr. Bryant Mather, 85, died Wednesday, December 4, 2002. Dr. Mather was one of the nation's foremost experts on concrete. He retired in 2000 as the director of the Structures Laboratory of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Vicksburg, Mississippi. While the laboratory director, he managed a staff of 200 employees with a research program of approximately \$50 million. He had 59 years of service with the Corps of Engineers and had been associated with the Waterways Experiment Station since 1946. Until his death, Dr. Mather continued to serve as director emeritus of the Structures Laboratory.

President Jimmy Carter made Dr. Mather a charter member of the Senior Executive Service in 1979. He was named the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Civilian Employee of the Year in 1992. He was also the recipient of the Army's Meritorious Civilian Service Award and the Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service (twice).

Dr. Mather was an honorary member and past president of both the American Concrete Institute and the American Society for Testing and Materials. He was also an honorary member of the American Society of Civil Engineers. He received numerous scientific and engineering awards and honors from professional organizations and societies throughout his distinguished career. He was the author or coauthor of almost 800 technical reports and professional papers.

A native of Baltimore, Maryland, Dr. Mather had a bachelor's degree in geology from Johns Hopkins University and did graduate studies at Johns Hopkins and American Universities. He received an honorary doctorate from Clarkson University in 1978.

He was also an amateur entomologist and honorary life member of the American Museum of Natural History. Eight species of insects are named *matheri* in his honor. He donated his moth collection, one of the most extensive private collections in the country, to Mississippi State University in 2001.

Dr. Mather was preceded in death by his wife, Katharine. He is survived by friends, coworkers, and professional colleagues worldwide.