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Calendar of Events

12th International Conference on **Alkali-Aggregate Reaction (ICARR) in Concrete**, Beijing, P.R. 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, P.R. China. Tel.: +86-25-2587232; fax: +86-25-3221984; E-mail: icaar2004@dns.njut.edu.cn; Website: http://icaar2004.njut.edu.cn

American Concrete Institute International convention, San Francisco Hilton and Towers, San Francisco, CA, USA. Information: Event Services, ACI International, P.O. Box 9094, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9094, USA. Tel.: +1-248-848-3795; E-mail: conventions@concrete.org

2004 **MRS** Fall Meeting, Hynes Convention Center and Sheraton Boston Hotel, Boston, MA, USA. See abstract submission instructions and updated meeting information on the MRS Web site: http://www.mrs.org/meetings/fall2004/

American Concrete Institute International convention, Hilton New York, NY, USA. Information: Event services, ACI International, P.O. Box 9094, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9094, USA. Tel.: +1-248-848-3795; E-mail: conventions@concrete.org

Technical session on **Shrinkage and Creep of Concrete** at the Spring 2005 ACI Convention in New York, NY. Information: John Gardner, University of Ottawa, P.O. Box 450, Station A, Ottawa, ON, Canada K1N 6N5. Tel.: +1-613-562-5800x6126; fax: +1-613-562-5173; E-mail: jgardner@eng.uottawa.ca

Technical session on **Volume Change and Stress Development in Concrete at Early Ages**, at the Spring 2005 ACI Convention in New York, NY. Information: Jason Weiss, Purdue University, 550 Stadium Mall Drive, West Lafayette, IN 47907, USA. Tel.: +1-765-494-2215; fax: +1-765-496-1364; E-mail: wjweiss@ecn.purdue.edu

International conference on **Concrete Repair, Rehabilitation and Retrofitting (ICCRRR 2005)**, Cape Town, South Africa. Information: H. Beushausen, Dept. of Civil Engineering, University of Cape Town, Snape Building, Provate Bag, Rondebosch 7701, South Africa. Tel.: +27-21-650-2603; fax: +27-21-689-7471; E-mail: ICCRRR@eng.uct.ac.za

October 15-19, 2004

October 24-28, 2004

November 29– December 3, 2004

April 17-20, 2005

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November 21-23, 2005

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Call for Papers

Papers are invited for the 24th conference of **Cement and Concrete Science**, September 16–17, 2004, School of Engineering, University of Warwick, Coventry, UK. The following themes will be addressed: Mineralogy and microstructure; Hydration; Durability; Interactions of cement paste with aggregates and reinforcement; Cement extending and replacement materials; Chemical admixtures; New and novel cements; and Immobilization (stabilization/solidification). A 200-word abstract must be submitted by e-mail (word documents only) by 30th May 2004 to R.J. Mangabhaia <r.j.mangabhai@btinternet.com>. An extended abstract will be requested for accepted papers. For additional information, contact R.J. Mangabhai 8 Pasture Close, North Wembley, Middlesex HA0 3JE UK. Tel.: +44-208-908-3762; fax: +44-208-908-3762.