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## NEWS ITEMS

## Calendar of Events

- 5th NCB International Seminar on Cement and Building Materials**, New Delhi, India. Information: The Organizing Secretary, Fifth NCB International Seminar, National Council for Cement and Building Materials, Post Box No. 3885, P 21 South Extension II, New Delhi - 110 049, India. **November 25-29, 1996**
- Fall Meeting of the **Materials Research Society**, Boston, MA. Information: Merry N. Geil, Materials Research Society, 9800 McKnight Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237-6006. Tel: (412) 367-3004, ext. 301; Fax: (412) 367-4373; E-mail: geil@mrs.org. **December 2-6, 1996**
- Symposium (HH) on **Structure-Property Relationships in Hardened Cement Paste and Composites**, during the Fall Meeting of the Materials Research Society, Boston, MA. Information: Della M. Roy, 217 Materials Research Laboratory, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA 16802 USA. Tel: (814) 865-1196; Fax: (814) 863-7040. **December 2-6, 1996**
- Annual Meeting, **Transportation Research Board**, Washington, DC. Information: Tel: (202) 334-2933; Fax: (202) 334-2299. **January 12-16, 1997**
- Biomaterials North Federation meeting on **The Influence of the Ca/P Ratio on the Properties of Calcium Phosphate Biomaterials**, Berck/Mer, France. Information: B. Langlois, IRMS, Institut Calot, 61608 Berck sur mer Cedex, France. Fax: (33) 21 89 20 21. **March 19-21, 1997**
- 7th meeting on **Injectable Bone and Joint Substitution Materials**, Berck/Mer, France. Information: B. Langlois, IRMS, Institut Calot, 62608 Berck sur mer Cedex, France. Fax: (33) 21 89 20 21. **March 19-21, 1997**
- ACI Spring Meeting**, Warwick Hotel, Seattle, WA. Information: Conventions and Meetings, American Concrete Institute, P.O. Box 19150, Detroit, MI 48219-0150 USA. **April 6-11, 1997**
- 19th International Conference on **Cement Microscopy**, Cincinnati, Ohio, USA. Information: Linda M. Hills, ICMA Publicity Chairman, Construction Technology Laboratories, Inc., 5420 Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077 USA. **April 27-May 1, 1997**

99th Annual Meeting, **American Ceramic Society**, Cincinnati, Ohio. Information: Tel: (614) 794-5810; Fax: (614) 794-5812.

**May 4, 1997**

18th Biennial Conference on **Concrete 97: Concrete for the Future**, Adelaide Convention Centre, Adelaide, Australia. Information: Conference Manager, Concrete Institute of Australia, P.O. Box 452, Hindmarsh, 5007, South Australia. Tel: (61-8) 346 9722; Fax: (61-8) 346 9215.

**May 14-16, 1997**

10th International Congress on **The Chemistry of Cement**, Gothenborg, Sweden. Information: 10th ICC Organizer, c/o Congrex, Box 5078, S-402 22 Gothenburg, Sweden. Fax: +46 31-20-36-20.

**June 2-7, 1997**

ASTM Symposium on **Soundness of Hydraulic Cements**, St. Louis, Missouri, USA. Information: Symposium Co-Chair Waldemar A. Klemm, Construction Technology Laboratories, 5420 Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077-1030, Tel: 847-965-7500, ext. 541, Fax: 847-965-6541, E-mail: wklemm@c-t-l.com; and Lawrence D. Adams, Southwestern Portland Cement, Special Products, 16888 North E Street, Victorville, CA 92392-0623, Tel: 619-245-1681, ext. 228, Fax: 619-245-0191.

**June 15-20, 1997**

Sixth Euroseminar on **Microscopy Applied to Building Materials**, Haskolabio Congress Center, Reykjavik, Iceland. Information: Organizing Committee, Icelandic Building Research Institute, Keldnaholt, IS-112 Reykjavik, Iceland.

**June 25-27, 1997**

4th CANMET/ACI International Conference on **Durability of Concrete**, Sydney Hilton Hotel, Sydney, Australia. Information: V.M. Malhotra, CANMET, 405 Rochester St., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0G1. Fax: (613) 992-9389.

**August 17-22, 1997**

3rd CANMET/ACI International Symposium on **Advances in Concrete Technology**, Sheraton Auckland Hotel, Auckland, New Zealand. Information: V.M. Malhotra, CANMET/EMR, 405 Rochester St., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0G1. Fax: (613) 992-9389.

**August 24-27, 1997**

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

**September 24-26, 1997**

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

**October 8-10, 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**

**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**

### **Call for Papers**

Announcing the 5th International Symposium on **Brittle Matrix Composites (BMC 5)**, 13-15 October 1997, Staszic Place, Warsaw, Poland. The objective of the Symposium is to review the current status and developments on all aspects of brittle matrix composites, associated with four main groups: High strength composites; brittle polymer composites; ceramics, and cement-based materials. List of topics include: Design studies and computational methods; theoretical considerations; prediction of behaviour, durability; fracture mechanics; experimental methods and results; and applications and manufacturing processes. The program will comprise invited keynote papers and contributed oral presentations. Accepted papers will be advancing knowledge and/or technology. All papers will be published and will be available at the Symposium. Papers will be presented and discussed in English. Scientific sponsoring of the Symposium by the RILEM is expected. To receive information about BMC 5, and to indicate interest in participation, contact Professor A.M. Brandt, IFTR, Swietokrzyska 21, 00-049 Warsaw, Poland. Fax: (4822) 269815; e-mail: [abrandt@ippt.gov.pl](mailto:abrandt@ippt.gov.pl).

The first Engineering Foundation conference of High Strength Concrete (HSC) will be held in Kona, Hawaii on July 13-18, 1997. This conference is for designers, researchers, contractors, and government officials involved in the use of HSC. The focus of the conference will be the discussion of the latest advances and issues related to HSC. The executive committee of the conference includes representatives from several countries active in research

and utilization of HSC. The conference theme will include the following subjects: Advances in material aspects of HSC; New developments in design and analysis related to use of HSC in both seismic and non-seismic regions; Field and research findings and data related to HSC; Construction challenges and solutions utilizing HSC; Special projects demonstrating innovative use of HSC in buildings, bridges, offshore and other structures; and Theme presentations, providing summary of active national projects in countries promoting use of HSC. Interested individuals are invited to submit a one-page abstract (200 words) for consideration. The deadline for receiving the abstracts is December 20, 1996. No late abstracts will be accepted. Authors will be advised of acceptance of their paper by January 31, 1997. Full papers will be due by May 5, 1997. Abstracts should be submitted directly to Dr. Atorod Azizinamini, Dept. of Civil Engineering, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, W348 Nebraska Hall, P.O. Box 880531, Lincoln, NE 68588-0531. Tel: (402) 472-5106; Fax: (402) 472-8934; E-mail: aazizi@unl.edu.