



NEWS ITEMS

Calendar of Events

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**

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

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

March 8–12, 1998

7th Conference on **High Temperature Chemistry of Silicates and Oxides**, St. Petersburg, Russia. Information: Conference Sec-

March 18–20, 1998

retariat, Institute of Silicate Chemistry, Ul. Odoevskogo, 24, korp. 2, 199155 St. Petersburg, Russia. Tel: (7) 812-218-8594; Fax: (7) 812-218-5401; e-mail: vlad@ihs2.spb.su.

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**, **October 27–30, 1998**
Beijing, China. Information: Ms. Su Muzhen, Vice President, China Building Materials Academy, Guanzhuang, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100024, P.R. China.

6th NCB International Seminar on **Cement and Building Materials**, **November 24–27, 1998**
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.

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: [ht-tp://www.uanl.mx/UANL/Escuelas/Facultades/fic/rilem158ahc-99.html](http://www.uanl.mx/UANL/Escuelas/Facultades/fic/rilem158ahc-99.html). **March 21–26, 1999**

International Conference on **High-Performance Concrete, and Performance and Quality of Concrete Structures**, Hotel Serano Convention Center, Gramado, Rio Grande do Sul, Southern Brazil. Information: D.C. Dal Molin, CPGEC, C.P. 303–Agencia Central, 90001-970 Porto Alegre, RS–Brazil. Tel: 55-(51) 316 3486/316 3518. Fax: 55 (51) 316 3999. E-mail: highpc@vortex.ufrgs.br. **June 1–4, 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; (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 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. 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.