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## **NEWS ITEMS**

## Calendar of Events

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

2nd RILEM Workshop on Hydration and Setting-Why Does Cement Set? An Interdisciplinary Approach-Dijon, France. Information: Dr. Andre Nonat, Laboratoire de Recherche sur la Réactivité des Solides, UFR Sciences et Techniques, 9, Avenue Alain Savary, BP 4000, 21011 Dijon Cedex France. Tel: (33) 3 80 39 61 66; Fax: (33) 33 3 80 39 61 32.

June 11-13, 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, Slokie, 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

1st Engineering Foundation Conference on High Strength Concrete (HSC), Kona, Hawaii, Information: Dr. Atorod Azizinamini, Dept. of Civil Engineering, University of Nebraska, W348 Nebraska Hall, P.O. Box 880531, Lincoln, NE 68588-0531. Tel: (402) 472-5106; Fax: (402) 472-8934; E-mail: aazizi@unl.edu.

July 13-18, 1997

4th CANMET/ACI International Conference on **Durability of Concrete**, Syndey Hilton Hotel, Sydney, Australia. Information: V.M. Malhotra, CANMET, 405 Rochester St., Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A OG1. 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 OG1. Fax: (613) 992-9389.

August 24-27, 1997

22nd Conference on Our World in Concrete and Structures, Hotel New Otani, Singapore. Information: Conference Secretariat, CI-Premier Pte Ltd, 150 Orchard Road #07-14, Orchard Plaza, Singapore 238841, Republic of Singapore.

August 25-27, 1997

Speciality Conference on Fibre Reinforced Concrete, Hotel New Otani, Singapore. Information: Conference Secretariat, CI-Permier Pte Ltd, 150 Orchard Road #07-14, Orchard Plaza, Singapore 238841, Republic of Singapore.

August 28-29, 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 KIA OG1. Fax: (613) 992-9389.

October 8-10, 1997

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. Fax: (4822) 269815; E-mail: abrandt@ippt.gov.pl

October 13-15, 1997

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; Fax: 7-812-274-1707; e-mail: kkv@prometey2.spb.su.

October 14-18, 1997

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 49219-0150 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/.

December 2-6, 1997

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

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 OG1. 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 OG1. 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. Gjør, 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

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

## Call for Papers

Symposium MM: Advances in Materials for Cementitious Composites, MRS Fall Meeting, November 30-December 4, 1997, Boston, MA. The use of traditional cement and the concretes manufactured from it far surpasses the consumption of any other manmade construction material. Modern construction techniques are placing increasing demands on this popular material. Increasingly, these new demands are being met by using either new materials or traditional materials in novel combinations with portland cement. Experimental or theoretical discussions that elucidate various aspects of the structure-composition-property relationship in modern cementitious systems are invited. Suggested topic areas include:

Novel systems: composition, processing and/or performance; Durability: design, characterization and environment effects; New applications for cementitous materials; Use of

composite materials (fiber-reinforced polymers of FRPs) as reinforcement to concrete for new construction and repair; interface performance, bond and development length; effects on crack spacing and width; effects on concrete tension stiffening; thermal compatibility; and durability; Use of waste and by-product materials in cement and concrete; Characterization and use of advanced coal combustion by-products for applications in cement and concrete; Incinerator ash characterization and use; Manufactured pozzolans; Chemical admixtures and additives for cements and concrete; Applications of cement and concrete in waste dispoal; Modeling; Fracture processes: characterization and microstructural relationships; Nanostructure of cementitious materials; Rheological behavior of cement pastes and concretes; and Cement manufacturing.

Abstracts submitted via the MRS Webstite must be received by the June 23 deadline. Absracts submitted by e-mail, fax or the postal service must be received by the June 20 deadline. Conatct the Symposium Organizers: Michael R. Silsbee, 225 Materials Research Laboratory, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA. Tel: (814) 865-0285; Fax: (814) 865-2326; e-mail: mrs1@alpha.mrl.psu.edu; Judy LaRosa Thompson, PQ Corporation, 280 Cedar Grove Road, Conshohocken, PA 19428-2240. Tel: (610) 651-4601; Fax: (610) 825-8754; e-mail: pq/rd/jthom%pq@mcimail.com; Choon-Keun Park, Cement and Concrete Division, Sangyong Research Center, P.O. Box 12, Yuseong, Taejon 305-345, Korea. Tel. 82-42-8651661; Fax: 82-42-865178; e-mail ssrcemen@bora/dacom.co.kr. General meeting information, contact MRS Headquarters. Tel: (412) 367-3003; Fax: (412) 367-4373; e-mail: info@mrs.org or MRS Website: hhtp://www.mrs.org/