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1. PROFESSOR HIRT, NEW PRESIDENT OF IABSE

Elected President of IABSE in August 2003, Prof. Manfred A. Hirt, assumed office on November 1, 2004, for a period of three years.

Director of the Steel Structures Laboratory (ICOM) of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology at Lausanne (EPFL), Professor Manfred Hirt is known on the international scene for his expertise in the field of fatigue and fracture mechanics of steel structures, loads and action on structures, structural safety and serviceability and steel-concrete composite construction.

President Hirt, met with the IABSE staff at Headquarters in Zurich, on November 2, 2004, to get better acquainted. It was an excellent opportunity for the IABSE staff to hear the views of the President on his objectives, priorities and concerns for IABSE in the next three years. More information: <http://www.iabse.org/>

2. IABSE STAFF

This is also a good time to present to you the staff (with year of joining IABSE) serving you at its best:

- Executive Director: Mr Alain Golay, (1971)
- Assistant to the Executive Director: Ms Jennifer Jachimow (2001)
- Publications Manager: Ms Carolyn Gorczyca (2003)
- Marketing and Communication Manager: Ms Sissel Niggeler (1995)
- Membership Services and Publication Sales: Mr Sven Hinrichsen (2001)
- Bookkeeping: Mr Stefan Spillmann (2003)

To contact us directly, you will find our email addresses and phone numbers at:

<http://www.iabse.org/contact/index.php>

3. YOUNG ENGINEERS AND NEW DELHI 2005

Young engineers, Members of IABSE, will organise a plenary session at the IABSE Conference on the 'Role of Structural Engineers towards Reduction of Poverty', New Delhi, India, February 19-22, 2005.

<http://www.iabse.org/conferences/newdelhi2005/index.php>

Five young engineers will be selected to present lectures related to the conference theme:

<http://www.iabse.org/youngengineers/action/index.php>

If you would like to be selected as one of the Five Speakers at the Young Engineers Session, send your abstract no later than November 30, 2004, to Dr Geier, Acting Chair of the YEP Board: <mailto:roman.geier@arsenal.ac.at>

#### 4. NEXT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The coming committee meetings are announced in the Members Area on the IABSE website. More information:

[www.iabse.org/membersarea/index.php](http://www.iabse.org/membersarea/index.php)

#### 5. IABSE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2005

The IABSE 75th anniversary special membership drive has been well received and a number of new members have joined the Association on this occasion.

The deadline of this promotion is extended until November 30, 2004, in order to allow you, our faithful members to look around in your professional environment and to invite one or more colleagues to join IABSE:

Any new member joining and paying now for 2005, will receive the four issues of SEI 2004 free of charge and get free access to SEI online immediately. Other membership benefits include:

- Structural Engineering Documents
- IABSE Publications at half price
- IABSE Conferences at reduced fees
- Privileged Members Area on the IABSE Website
- Activity in IABSE Committees
- Belonging to this prestigious international society of Structural Engineers.

More information:

<http://www.iabse.org/membership/benefits/index.php>

<http://www.iabse.org/membership/application/index.php>

#### 6. ELECTIONS 2005: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Elections will be held in all IABSE Committees in Lisbon, in September 2005. Are you interested in contributing more actively in an IABSE Committee? Please have a look at:

<http://www.iabse.org/committees/index.php>

Four new Vice-Presidents will be elected in 2005 and three Vice-Presidents come to the end of their first term and are subject to re-election for a second term in the Executive Committee.

More than 30 new Members will be elected in the Working Commissions. Please contact the Chair of your National Group or IABSE HQ (<mailto:golay@iabse.org>), if you wish to be a nominee or make a nomination. Submit also a two page curriculum vitae. Members are requested to apply by December 15, 2004, to the Chair of their National Group.

National Groups must submit their nominations by January 15, 2005 to HQ. The four-year term of office will run from November 1, 2005 to October 30, 2009.

#### 7. IABSE AWARDS: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations will be considered for the following IABSE Awards:

- International Award of Merit in Structural Engineering 2005
- IABSE Prize 2005
- Outstanding Structure Award 2006

The description of each award is given at:

<http://www.iabse.org/association/awards/index.php>

If you wish to propose a nomination, please contact the Chair of your National Group by December 15, 2004.

Nominations must be submitted by the National Groups

- to HQ (<mailto:jachimow@iabse.org>) by January 15, 2004 for the first two awards listed above, and
- to the Chair OStrAC (<mailto:lwyllie@degenkolb.com>) by April 15, 2005 for the Outstanding Structure Award 2006.

#### 8. NEWS FROM MEMBERS

Mr Leslie Robertson, Director of Design for Leslie E. Robertson, LLP, New York, will be presented the 'Fazlur Rahman Khan Medal' by the Council on Tall Buildings, for his leadership in the structural design of tall buildings worldwide .

His close collaboration with countless architects and engineers has led to the advancement of tall building technology, creating some of the most memorable buildings in the world.

We congratulate Mr Robertson, who has also designed the Miho Bridge, Japan, which was presented with the IABSE Outstanding Structure Award 2002.

#### 9. CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 19-22, 2005, New Delhi, India, IABSE Conference 'Role of Structural Engineers towards Reduction of Poverty'. More information:

<http://www.iabse.org/conferences/newdelhi2005/index.php>

- May 12-14, 2005, Ustron, Poland, "AMCM 2005", Analytical Models and new Concepts in Concrete and Masonry Structures. Call for Papers before February 15, 2005. More information:

<http://amcm.bud.polsl.gliwice.pl>

- September 14-16, 2005, Lisbon, Portugal, IABSE Symposium 'Structures and Extreme Events'. Selection of abstracts is made. Authors are being informed. More information:

<http://www.iabse.org/conferences/lisbon2005/index.php>

- October 26-28, 2005, Bordeaux, France, EVACES 2005, Conference co-sponsored by IABSE 'Experimental Vibration Analysis for Civil Engineering Structures'. Call for papers: December 15, 2004. More information:

<http://pfe.enpc.fr/web2003/dyn/pdf/45035.pdf>

More events:

<http://www.iabse.org/conferences/calendarofevents/index.php>

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