

ICACMS 2017 and RILEM Annual Week – Chennai – Sep 3 – 8, 2017

On behalf of the organizing committee, I have great pleasure in inviting you to Hotel Leela Palace, Chennai, for the International Conference on Advances in Construction Materials and Systems (ICACMS-2017), scheduled for Sep 5 – 7, 2017.

This conference is part of the prestigious RILEM Annual Week, which is the annual meeting of the standing committees of RILEM (*International Union of Testing and Research Laboratories for Materials and Structures*). Such meetings occur every year in conjunction with a major international conference. The recent RILEM weeks were held in Copenhagen (2016), Melbourne (2015), São Paulo (2014), Paris (2013), Cape Town (2012), Hong Kong (2011).

The conference covers several themes related to construction materials and systems, with the objective of providing the state of the art coverage on cement and asphalt concrete, heritage materials, and building systems. The specific conference themes include: Advances in supplementary cementing materials, Concrete durability and performance specifications, Early age behaviour and rheology of cementitious systems, Special concretes and applications, Advances in characterization of construction materials, Sustainable building systems, Bituminous binders and mixtures, Repair and conservation of heritage structures, Corrosion control and corrosion monitoring in concrete structures, Repair materials and repair systems for concrete structures

With over 250 papers from academics and industry professionals from more than 50 countries across the world, this is the largest construction materials and systems conference ever organized in India. Apart from the high quality technical presentations which include keynote lectures from 14 eminent world experts, the conference will also feature an exhibition of the latest trends in construction materials and technology by several leading industrial partners.

The conference is preceded by a set of workshops at IIT Madras campus. These include: (i) Limestone Calcined Clay Cement, (ii) K P Pradeep Memorial Workshop on Textile Reinforced Concrete and (iii) Rheology of bituminous/asphalt systems and assessment tools. Additionally, there are also two post-conference workshops at IIT Madras campus: (i) Luigia Binda Memorial Workshop on NDT for Ancient and Modern Heritage Structures, and (ii) Carmen Andrade Workshop on Corrosion Control in Concrete Structures. All these workshops will include international resource persons who are the top experts in these domains.

For detailed information and regular updates, please check out the conference website: <http://www.rilem2017conference.org>

Please sign up early, as the registrations are fast filling up!

In case of any queries, please send me e-mail directly at: itmconcrete@gmail.com

Looking forward to meet you in September 2017!

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