



International Seminar on Maintenance of Bridges

28th to 30th, May 2015

Bucharest, ROMANIA

First Announcement



Organized in Cooperation by: PIARC Technical Committee 4.3 of 'Road Bridges'
A.P.D.P. ROMANIA

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Introduction

PIARC Technical Committee 4.3 Road Bridges) and A.P.D.P. Romania invite you to participate in a forthcoming seminar on Maintenance of Road Bridges.

This seminar is undertaken by ROADS AND BRIDGES Magazine and CESTRIN. This is a part of the PIARC Technical Committee 4.3 work program for 2012-2015.

Objectives

Technical exchange for Maintenance of Road Bridges.

Methodology

The seminar will be led in such a manner in order to optimize the time available for discussion of the themes, so as to generate dynamic and highly involved discussions among the participants.

Presentations made by participants followed by discussion and collective development of conclusions and recommendations.

Languages

The official Language of the seminar is English and Romanian.

Seminar Program

FIRST DAY	
Thursday, May 28 th , 2015	
Time	Activity
13:40 to 14:00	Opening Ceremony, Welcome Address
14:00 to 15:30	Session I Management(1)
15:30 to 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 to 17:30	Session I Management(2)
18:30 to 20:30	Dinner
SECOND DAY	
Friday, May 29 th , 2015	
09:00 to 10:30	Session II Inspection
10:30 to 10:50	Coffee Break
10:50 to 12:00	Session III Evaluation
12:00 to 13:30	Lunch and Rest
13:30 to 15:30	Session IV Repair and Rehabilitation(1)
15:30 to 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 to 17:00	Session IV Repair and Rehabilitation(2)
17:00 to 17:20	Session V Climate Change
17:20 to 17:40	Closing
THIRD DAY	
Saturday, May 30 th , 2015	
	Technical Tour

Call for Papers

The organizing committee is now seeking papers addressing the seminar's themes.

- 1) As a first step, potential speakers should submit an abstract (Maximum 400 words) outlining the subject and the conclusions in one of the official languages.
- 2) After your abstract is selected, you will be notified by the seminar contact persons.
- 3) You will be required to make a presentation to the seminar and to submit a full paper (4 - 6 pages) in English or Romanian.

The timetable for submission of papers is as follows:

- Submission of Abstract: January 31th, 2015
- Notification of Acceptance of Abstract: February 15th, 2015
- Submission of Full Paper: March 30th, 2015

Guidelines for Abstracts, Full Papers, and Presentation

Abstracts and full papers should be submitted to the Seminar Contact persons listed at the end of this announcement.

1) Abstract

Abstracts should be submitted according to the following requirements:

- Maximum 400 words
- Submitted in English or Romanian
- In electronic format
- Deadline for submission of Abstract: January 31th, 2015.

2) Full paper

Full papers should be prepared and submitted by the authors according to the following requirements:

- The length of the printed papers should be between 4 pages and 6 pages (A4: 8.27" x 11.69", 210mm x 297mm).
- Full papers must be written in English or Romanian.
- Full papers containing illustrations in black and white are preferable.
- More details of the full paper as well as the acceptance of the abstract will be notified on February 15th, 2015.
- Deadline for submission of Full paper: March 30th, 2015

3) Presentation

Presentation should be prepared by the authors according to the following requirements:

- Presentation material should be prepared in Power Point Presentation file.
- Presentation material must be written in English.

Technical Visit

Technical visit including Basarab Overpass, Mihai Bravu Bridge, Otopeni Overpass.

Registration Fee

- Participants from low-income and low-middle-income countries: Euro 150
- Participants from upper-middle-income and high-income countries: Euro 400
- Accompanying persons: Euro 100.

PIARC Special Fund

The PIARC Special Fund can cover up to 100% of travel expenses or up to 100% of accommodation expenses of participants from developing countries (lower middle income and low income countries). It can cover the expenses of one participant per PIARC member country, subject to the agreement of the First Delegate. Requests for Special Fund should be made by the First Delegate to PIARC Secretary General, e-mail: info@piarc.org

The rules relating to the use of the Special Fund are available on the PIARC web site: www.piarc.org, in section 12 of the Blue Guide.

Registration Due Date

The registration form should be completed and forwarded to the seminar contact persons before April 25th, 2015.

Registration forms will be included in the second announcement.

Accommodation

Lodging and travel information will be provided in the second announcement

Introduction of Romania and Bucharest

Romania is country located in south-eastern Europe, on the lower stream of the Danube river, north of the Balcanic Peninsula and west of the Black Sea. Its neighboring countries are Bulgaria to the south, Serbia and Hungary to the West,

Ukraine to the north and Moldova to the north-east. Located at a crossroads between western Europe and Asia, Romania has always been a key strategic point in the history of the “The Old Continent”. With a total surface of 238.391 square km, one can find here some of the most unique places in the world, such as the Danube’s Delta, the Carpathian Garden, or the Danube’s Gorge.

While visiting Romania, a city that you should definitely not miss is the capital city, Bucharest. Undoubtedly it is the biggest and most influential city of the country, being the country’s political, economical and commercial center, with a population of approximately 3.4 million people. There is quite a wide variety of things you can do here. For example, you can visit the local museums, if you want to take a short glimpse of the Romanian cultural values. The city also has some unique architectural wonders such as The Arch of Triumph, the Athenaeum or The Palace of Parliament, also known as The People’s Palace, the second largest building in the world after the Pentagon, The Royal Palace that shelters the National Gallery, The Cotroceni Museum, were is also the Presidential Office, The Free Press Palace, iconic copy of the Lomonosov State University in Moscow, all of which you can visit either by foot or by tourist bus.

Program for Accompanying Persons

Program for accompanying persons is provided.

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