



FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT



VIII INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE SEMINAR

**Sustainability and Bridge Technology
A Vision for the Future**

October 21-23. 2026
Mérida, Yucatán, Mexico

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Welcome Message



The Mexican Association of Land Transport Engineering, A.C. (AMIVTAC), through its Technical Committee on Bridges, is honored to invite the technical, academic, and professional community of the sector to participate in the 8th International Bridge Seminar, to be held this coming October in the city of Mérida, Mexico.

Throughout its previous editions, this seminar has established itself as one of the country's most important technical gatherings on the design, construction, rehabilitation, maintenance, and resilience of road bridges, bringing together specialists, researchers, and professionals from Mexico and abroad to exchange knowledge, experiences, and best practices.

On this occasion, the event will feature the valuable participation of PIARC (World Road Association), particularly Technical Committee 4.2 "Bridges," which will enrich the technical dialogue with international perspectives on the latest advances in bridge inspection, management, technological innovation, and rehabilitation.

The program will include keynote lectures, technical presentations, and discussion sessions, featuring prominent experts from leading countries in road infrastructure, who will share global trends and innovative solutions to the sector's current challenges.

This seminar represents an excellent opportunity to strengthen professional ties, update knowledge, and participate in a high-level technical forum focused on the development of safer, more sustainable, and more resilient road infrastructure.

We look forward to seeing you in Mérida, Mexico, to be part of this important international gathering.

M.I. Juan José Orozco y Orozco
Presidente
XXVI Board of Directors AMIVTAC

AMIVTAC Technical Committee on Bridges

The Technical Committee on Bridges of the Mexican Association of Land Transport Engineering, A.C. (AMIVTAC) is one of the association's specialized technical committees and brings together professionals from the public, private, and academic sectors dedicated to the analysis and development of solutions in the design, construction, inspection, maintenance, and rehabilitation of road bridges.

This committee serves as a leading forum for the bridge engineering community in Mexico, promoting technical excellence, innovation, and the resilience of road infrastructure. Its work is focused on fostering knowledge exchange, disseminating best practices, and encouraging collaboration among specialists in the field, thereby contributing to the strengthening and modernization of the country's bridge infrastructure.

Among its main activities are the organization of specialized seminars, participation in technical forums, and the preparation of technical articles and reference publications, such as the Bridge Design Manual and the Bridge Scouring Manual—documents that have become highly useful technical tools for professionals in the sector.

The committee also works closely with PIARC (World Road Association) through its Technical Committee 4.2 “Bridges,” an international group that brings together experts from various countries to analyze issues related to the design, structural assessment, inspection, asset management, resilience, and rehabilitation of road bridges. This committee works on producing technical reports, recommendations, and comparative studies that serve as a reference for highway authorities and professionals worldwide.

The collaboration between the two organizations is strengthened by the fact that AMIVTAC has served as the Mexican National Committee of PIARC since 2005, which allows for the incorporation of international experiences, global standards, and technological advancements into the association's events, seminars, and technical publications.

PIARC Technical Committee 4.2

Bridge owners and managers face a growing number of challenges. Bridges are aging and are often subjected to operating conditions and environments that are more severe than those anticipated during their design. Furthermore, some design approaches or codes currently in use are limited in their ability to accommodate or adapt to these challenges. In many countries, new causes of deterioration or damage are emerging almost routinely and require vigilant attention from managers, especially when the design of structures or routes is not redundant. This is often the case with the causes of deterioration and damage affecting grout-filled post-tensioned bridges. Therefore, this topic, which is addressed by Technical Committee 4.2 “Bridges,” will be the focus of special attention in this cycle.

Technical Program

Time		October 20, 2026
Start	End	
16:00	19:00	Registration
19:00	22:00	Welcome Cocktail
October 21, 2026		
08:00	14:00	Registration
09:00	09:30	Opening Ceremony / Remarks by Local Officials
09:30	10:15	Keynote Address by Secretary Jesús Antonio Esteva Medina, M.A.
10:15	10:30	Rubén Frías Aldaraca (Mexico) Presentation by the National Technical Committee
10:30	10:45	Nicolás Bardou (France) Presentation of the International Committee
10:45	11:00	Emanuela Stocchi (Italy) , PIARC President
11:00	11:30	Opening and Tour of the Expo
Technical Session 1: Long-Span Bridges, Rehabilitation, Scouring		
11:30	12:15	Zhu Yan (China) , Changtai Yangtze River Bridge
12:15	13:00	Pablo Vilchez (Spain) / Rehabilitation of the Guiniguada Viaduct: Problems : with External and Internal Prestressing and Reinforcement with Extradosed Prestressing
13:00	13:45	Anadiana Gómez Hernández (Mexico) Undermining of Bridges in Mexico: Causes, Mechanisms, and Challenges for Infrastructure Resilience
13:45	14:30	Break
Technical Session 2: Artificial Intelligence, Monitoring, and Inspection		
14:30	15:15	Juan Antonio Quintana (Mexico) , Experience in Instrumentation of Mexican Bridges
15:15	16:00	Farhad Ansari, (EE.UU) Artificial Intelligence Applied to Monitoring Data
16:00	16:45	Jing Qiang (China) , Hong Kong Zhuai-Macao Bridge
16:45	17:30	Shahid Islam (EE.UU) Innovative Post-tensioning Systems for Bridges in our infrastructures
17:30	17:45	Break
17:45	18:15	Discussion Forum 1
18:15	20:00	Expo Hall / Complimentary cocktail reception hosted by exhibitors

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October 22, 2026		
Technical Session 3: Resilience, Redundancy, Forensic Engineering, Bridge Retrofitting, Low-Carbon Materials		
09:00	09:30	Nicolás Bardou (FRANCE), Chair of the TC4.2, Bridge Maintenance in Franc
09:30	10:00	Heungbae Gil , (South Korea), AI and Monitoring in Korea
10:00	10:30	Kazuo ENDO (Japan), Reducing the Carbon Footprint in Bridges
10:30	11:00	Pierre Gilles (Belgium)- Martín Pollimeni (Argentina) Presentation of Case Studies in Forensic Engineering
11:00	11:30	Marta Pertierra (Spain)- Emilio Criado Morán (Spain) Bridge Management in Spain
11:30	12:00	Matej Kusar (Slovenia) Corrosion in Prestressed Bridges
12:00	13:00	Break
Technical Session 4: Seismic Engineering, Climate Change, Durability, and Standards		
13:00	13:45	Joseph (Joey) L. Hartmann (EE.UU.) Regulations in the U.S.
13:45	14:30	Luis Pinto Carvalho (Portugal) Operational resilience in bridges through displacement and energy contro
14:30	15:15	Darío Rivera Vargas (Mexico), Key Considerations in Developing Regulations for Bridge Design and Construction
15:15	16:00	Andrés Torres Acosta (México) The Dilemma of Green Cement for Low-Carbon Concrete: Is Durability at Risk?
16:00	16:30	Discussion Forum 2
16:30	16:45	Presentation of the "Modesto Armijo Mejía" Award
16:45	17:30	Closing Ceremony / Closing Remarks by Local Authorities
18:00	20:00	Closing Dinner
23 de octubre 2026		
09:00	10:00	Transfer to Progreso
10:00	12:00	Technical visit to the Progreso Viaduct
12:00	13:00	Return to Mérida

Fees

Fees in Mexican pesos (MXN). Taxes included.

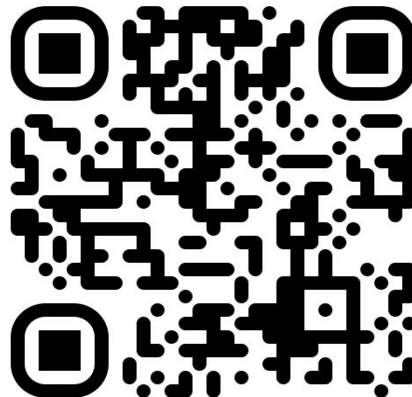
Member	\$6,380.00
Non-Member	\$7,660.00
Undergraduate Engineering Students*	\$2,900.00
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* Valid civil engineering degree

** Valid ID card or most recent pay stub

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Registration



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Venue

Yucatán International Convention Center

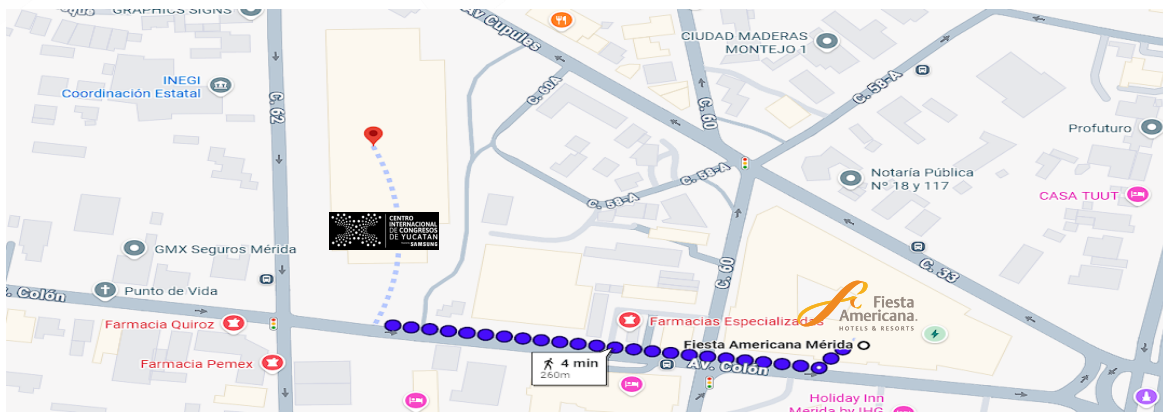
Avenida Colón and C. 62 294, between Av. Cupules,
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