INDUSTRY NEWS, RESOURCES & WEBINARS

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The electronic version of the latest issue of Routes/Roads N° 361 (first quarter 2014) is available online. Issue N° 361 is dedicated to Winter Maintenance, as a dedication to the PIARC XIVth International Winter Road Congress, held in Andorra February 4-7, 2014. It includes an editorial by Hirofumi OHNISHI, Strategic Theme Coordinator for Theme 2 (ST2), “Access and Mobility”, and eight (8) articles chosen among the best papers presented at the Andorra Congress, on the various topics. Also featured are reports from the Association’s latest activities.

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The World Road Association (PIARC) was established in 1909. It brings together the road administrations of 120 governments and has members - individuals, companies, authorities and organizations - from over 140 countries.

American Concrete Pavement Association (ACPA) Unveils National RCC Explorer App

ACPA has unveiled the National roller-compacted concrete (RCC) Explorer - a free, web-based resource for viewing and analyzing RCC pavements throughout North America.

The RCC Explorer is a dynamic web application (app) that offers details about current RCC projects for owners/agencies, contractors, engineers/designers, material and equipment suppliers, and others with an interest in this rapidly expanding technology. The National RCC Explorer offers to date: 259 projects, instructions, a map view, a table view, and a details view.

To go to the RCC Explorer app, please go to: http://rcc.acpa.org/webapps/rccexplorer/index.html.

ACPA Announces Two New Web-Based Training Events

ACPA announces two upcoming web-based training events. Please read the course descriptions, then be sure to follow the links below for registration and additional details.

The Impact & Considerations of Electronic Discovery on Construction Disputes & Litigation

Wednesday, February 26, 2014
Noon to 1:00 pm (CST) | 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm (EST) | 10:00 am to Noon (PST)

This is an important webinar for contractors (owners and other management personnel), consultants, service businesses, and others who interact with contractors.

Webinar Presenter: Brandon G. Hummel, Leo & Weber, P.C. Law Firm Associate
Free Webinar: Inside the ACPA Digital Toolbox

Thursday, March 13, 2014
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm (CST) | 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm (EST) | 11:00 am to Noon (PST)

Webinar Presenters: Robert Rodden, P.E., ACPA Director of Technical Services and Product Development
Andy Gieraltowski, ACPA Vice President of Operations & Information Technology

ACPA members, Chapter/State affiliates, and allies of the association are invited to participate in a brief webinar to explore the many digital products offered by the association. ACPA will provide an overview of the reasons why ACPA has been developing so many digital solutions.

Webinar Outline:

1. Preview of the new ACPA (main) website, scheduled to debut later this year.
2. Preview of the new ACPA “wiki” resource.
3. A closer look at the ACPA applications library, including a look at several popular apps.
4. Review of ACPA‟s software programs and the new ways of delivering these powerful tools.
5. Detailed look at the online “Resources” portal, which contains thousands of documents from ACPA, as well as partner organizations, including Cement Association of Canada, CP Tech Center FHWA, IGGIA, MIT, PCA, and more.
6. Live training and on-demand training will be key parts of this presentation as ACPA showcases webinars, on-demand training, and ACPA/FHWA learning management systems.
7. A preview of how ACPA will be changing the way it reports news and events while continuing to develop tools for the digital age.
8. A brief look at ACPA’s social media channels: “follow” or “like” ACPA on Twitter, Facebook, etc.

Administrative Notes: This webinar is FREE, but you must complete a simple registration to gain access. To register, please go to: https://acpa.webex.com/acpa/onstage/q.php?d=66660438t=a.

Look for the registration button. Enter the password “digital” (password is case sensitive) and follow the instructions on the screen.

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(Shorter hours: Wednesday and Friday, 7:30 am to 4:30 pm CST).

TRB’s SHRP 2 Tuesdays Webinar: “Real-Time Smoothness Measurements on Portland Cement Concrete Pavements During Construction (RO6E)”

Tuesday, March 25, 2014
1:00 pm to 2:30 pm (CST) | 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm (EST) | 11:00 am to 12:30 pm (PST)

The first 60 minutes of the webinar will be for presentations, and the final 30 minutes will be reserved for audience questions. This webinar will summarize the SHRP 2 project “Real-Time Smoothness Measurements on Portland Cement Concrete Pavements During Construction (RO6E).” There is no fee to attend this webinar or other webinars in the SHRP 2 Series; however, participants must register in advance.

The SHRP 2 project evaluated the “GOMACO Smoothness Indicator” and the “Ames Engineering Real-Time Profiler” during pavement projects in Georgia, Arkansas, Texas, Michigan, and New York, USA. The project then developed model specifications and construction guidance to expedite the implementation of such technologies.

Webinar Presenters:
Gary Fick, Trinity Construction Management Services, Inc.
Stephen Cooper, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
Evan Rothblatt, American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO)

Webinar Moderator: Andrew Horosko, Transportation Research Board

Webinar Outline:
PART 1: Brief overview of the SHRP 2 mission, objectives of the Renewal focus area, and related SHRP 2 research
PART 2: Results from the evaluations, as well as the model specifications and construction guidance that were subsequently developed
PART 3: FHWA’s perspective on implementation strategies, tactics, and opportunities
PART 4: AASHTO’s perspective on the project
PART 5: Question and answer session

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. SHOULD THE ABOVE “REGISTER NOW” BUTTON NOT WORK PROPERLY, PLEASE GO TO THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE: http://www.trb.org/Calendar/Blurbs/170327.aspx
The Portable Modular Conveyor was developed as a quick, easy & dependable way to place concrete in front of a Slip Form Paving Machine.
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To read the entire article on the Chicago project, please go to: http://www.contractorshotline.com/blog/article.php?story=20140123161902180

To learn more about the E2 Portable Systems, please go to: http://www.materialplacer.com/.

CONFERENCE NEWS & CALL FOR PAPERS

ISCP Members Participate in the First Latin American International Concrete Sustainability Conference, held in Medellin, Colombia

Dr. Shiraz Tayabji, ISCP Past President and Applied Research Associates Senior Principal Engineer, and Dr. Jamshid Armaghani, ISCP Past Director and Global Sustainable Solutions Vice-President, recently served as invited speakers at the First Latin American International Concrete Sustainability Conference, held in Medellin, Colombia, February 6-7, 2014. The conference was organized by the Federation Iberoamericana del Hormigon Premezclado (FIHP) and The National Ready Mixed Concrete Association, USA (NRMCA), in conjunction with Asocreto, Colombia.

The conference was an expansion of the popular International Concrete Sustainability Conference and International Concrete Technology Forum hosted by NRMCA since 2006 throughout the United States and the Middle East. The Medellin conference marks the first time the conference was held in Latin America. There were over 170 participants from 17 countries and over 30 general and technical sessions. World renowned speakers presented the latest advances, technical knowledge, continuing research, tools and solutions for sustainable concrete manufacturing and construction.

Dr. Tayabji presented on "Sustainable Opportunities with Concrete Pavements", focusing on optimizing design features and construction activities to reduce the carbon footprint during the use phase of a roadway project.

Dr. Armaghani presented on “Sustainable Concrete Pavements – Opportunities in Design, Construction and Rehabilitation”, focusing on case studies from Florida, USA. A highlight of the conference was a site visit to a research facility operated by Cementos Argos, S.A., that seeks to develop CO₂-capturing technology based on microalgae, to be integrated in the traditional manufacturing process of clinker in order to reduce emissions of gases such as CO₂, NOₓ, and SO₂, among others. Argos also demonstrated a prototype of a pervious concrete system integrated with excess water holding tanks underground for urban area applications.

For more information, please visit the conference website at: http://www.nrmca.org/news/pressreleases/article.asp?category_id=3&id=479.

14th COTA International Conference of Transportation Professionals (CICTP2014) to be Held July 4-7, 2014 in Changsha, China

TRB, ASCE, World Bank, and the Chinese Overseas Transportation Association (COTA) are co-sponsoring the 14th COTA International Conference of Transportation Professionals (CICTP2014) to be held July 4-7, 2014, in Changsha, China. A post-conference workshop will also be held in either Beijing or Shanghai, China. The CICTP2014 is jointly organized by Central South University, Chinese Overseas Transportation Association (COTA), and Research Institute of Highway, Ministry of Transport, China. The CICTP2014 proceedings will be published by ASCE, and all the proceedings papers will be indexed via the Engineering Information (EI) Compendex, which can be accessed worldwide.

The CICTP conference is the most influential gathering of transportation professionals in China, and regularly draws more than 1,000 attendees including hundreds of international experts. The CICTP 2014 is designed to address critical issues and challenges emerging from the development of safe, smart and sustainable multimodal transportation systems. The conference will provide a platform for exchanging and sharing of the international experiences in developing and applying innovative solutions and advanced technologies in transportation.

In addition to regular technical sessions, several plenary sessions are planned for internationally prestigious experts and scholars to discuss the state-of-the-art/practice transportation development. Other special forums will be focused on issues that are of great interest to the audience from various backgrounds, including the World Bank Transportation Development Forum, Deans’ Forum for Chinese University Transportation Schools, and COTA Professional Development Forum for Young Scholars and Students, TRB Committee Chairs’ Forum, Industry Forum, and Technology Exhibit.

The conference proceedings will be published by ASCE and indexed via the EI Compendex. Selected papers from previous CICTPs have been invited to submit to special issues of SCI-indexed journals such as IET Transportation Systems Journal, and ASCE Journal of Urban Planning and Development.
Call for Abstracts for the DAWG Forum to be Held in Pisa, Italy April 22-25

Briefings describing ongoing research are invited for presentation at the Forum on Pavement Performance Data Analysis that will be conducted during the 3rd International Conference on Transportation Infrastructure (ICTI 2014) to be held in Pisa, Italy, April 22-25, 2014.

The Transportation Research Board’s Data Analysis Working Group (DAWG) welcomes pavement researchers and professionals to describe and discuss the methods they are using to collect and analyze pavement performance data and the observations emerging from their incomplete results. This DAWG Forum is an excellent opportunity for informal exchanges on the approaches being used and the preliminary results being obtained.

Please submit an abstract of your incomplete and ongoing work for presentation and discussion at this DAWG Forum. Abstracts should focus on activities supporting the investigation of the causes of various types of pavement deterioration, such as data collection, data analysis, interpretation of analytical results, and tentative conclusions. **There is no deadline for submission of abstracts**, and attendance is free and open to ICTI 2014 attendees. The agenda of the Forum will be developed from the abstracts received after a simple review process. Abstracts are welcome until the agenda of the forum is filled. DAWG forums may be held before, during, or after the hosting conference, so conference registrants should check the schedule of technical sessions and make travel arrangements to include attending the DAWG forum.

To download the abstract form and for information on the ICTI 2014 Conference and the DAWG Forum please go to: [http://www.icti2014.org](http://www.icti2014.org). Click on “Special Events”.

For questions and abstract submittal, please contact:
A. Robert Raab, TRB Senior Program Officer, Email: raab@nas.edu. For more information about the DAWG Forum, please go to: [http://www.trb.org/PolicyStudies/AbouttheDataAnalysisWorkingGroupDAWG.aspx](http://www.trb.org/PolicyStudies/AbouttheDataAnalysisWorkingGroupDAWG.aspx).

Abstract Deadline Extended for the 2014 FAA Worldwide Airport Technology Transfer Conference


The conference will be held August 5-7, 2014 at the Stockton Seaview Hotel in Galloway (Oceanville), New Jersey, USA. This Technology Transfer Conference, sponsored by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, provides a unique opportunity for airport operators, aviation consultants, construction contractors, research engineers and academic researchers to interact and exchange information.

Abstracts must be submitted by March 3, 2014. Papers and presentations are sought for all technical areas in airport safety and pavement technology including:

- **Airport Pavement:**
  - Design and Evaluation
  - Pavement Management
  - Full-Scale and Accelerated Pavement Testing
  - Construction Materials and Methods
  - Case Studies

- **Airport Safety:**
  - Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting (ARFF)
  - Runway Surface Technology
  - Visual Guidance
  - Airport Wildlife Hazards
  - Runway Incursion Reduction
  - Planning/Design for New Large Aircraft


World of Concrete 2014 Celebrates 40 Years, Presents Positive Economic Forecast, as well as Time- & Labor-Saving Products

World of Concrete 2014 (WOC2014) was held at the Las Vegas Convention Center January 21-24, 2014, celebrating 40 years in the concrete industry! WOC is the industry’s annual international event providing new ways to sustain and grow businesses. WOC is dedicated to the commercial concrete and masonry construction industries; showcasing leading industry suppliers; and featuring innovative tools, construction machinery and equipment, safety training courses, technologies and unlimited networking opportunities. Attendees included a variety of concrete contractors; construction managers; dealers/distributors, designers, specifiers, architects, engineers; producers of precast/prestress, brick/block, ready mix, and pipe/block; rental equipment centers, and more. Overall attendance at this year’s event was at roughly 48,000 (a smaller crowd due to the upcoming triennial CONEXPO/CON-AGG Trade Show to be held at the same location March 4-8, 2014).

While the crowds at WOC 2014 were not quite as large as last year, there was a positive outlook from the Portland Cement Association’s (PCA’s) annual economic forecast. “We’re expecting cement to grow 8% this year,” said Edward Sullivan, PCA Chief Economist. Amid federal funding uncertainty, state and municipal transportation departments remain in a “patch and repair mode.” Public spending is being geared toward...
extending the lifecycle of existing infrastructure, including roads, highways and bridges. Sullivan further stated, “Concrete has gained a cost-competitive edge for securing road maintenance work, and is now a cheaper, more cost-reliable overlay, due to high oil prices. Concrete’s lifecycle efficiency is being factored into transportation departments’ decisions as pressure mounts to be more responsible about public spending.”

Bill Davenport, ACPA Vice-President of Communications and ISCP Member said, “We’re seeing an uptick in concrete road overlays. Cash-strapped municipalities have pulled back on capital infrastructure spending, resulting in more preservation work.” Owners are stretching budgets further by extending the lifecycle of existing put-in-place concrete roads and buildings through resurfacing, chemical additives, and patch repairs, among other things.

Gerald Voigt, ACPA President and ISCP Member added, “We have a constrained funding environment that has led to a preservation mode. Studies show that concrete makes for a more rigid pavement surface, improving fuel efficiency, making it more economical and efficient.” Contractors streamlined staff and overhead expenses during the economic downturn. Firms relied upon technology and innovation for workforce multi-tasking and greater effectiveness to remain cost competitive.

Exhibitors responded by showcasing time- and labor-saving products that enable contractors to do more with less, offering a variety of equipment and products that facilitate greater multi-tasking and efficiency. Hand tool makers featured cordless mobility with more power and less downtime, and manufacturers emphasized durability, multi-functionality and safety. The 40th Annual World of Concrete was a success! For more information on The World of Concrete, please go to: http://www.worldofconcrete.com.


Call for Papers & Abstracts Digest


April 22-25, 2014 (NO DEADLINE) ABSTRACTS/BRIEFINGS during TRB’s Data Analysis Working Group (DAWG), describing ongoing research, are invited for presentation at the Forum on Pavement Performance Data Analysis during the 3rd International Conference on Transportation Infrastructure (ICTI 2014) to be held in Pisa, Italy, April 22-25, 2014. There is no deadline, but abstracts are welcome until the agenda of the forum is filled. To download the abstract form and for more information about the DAWG Forum, please go to: http://www.trb.org/PolicyStudies/AbouttheDataAnalysisWorkingGroupDAWG.aspx.

UPCOMING EVENTS

International Conference on Transportation Infrastructure

Forum on Pavement Performance Data Analysis (DAWG Forum)

International Seminar on Sustainable Road and Green Technology

ASCE T&DII 2nd Congress

RILEM International Workshop on Performance-Based Specification and Control of Concrete Durability
June 11-13, 2014 in Zagreb, Croatia, http://www.grad.unizg.hr/rilem_psc/

14th COTA International Conference of Transportation Professionals (CICPT2014)

2014 FAA Worldwide Airport Technology Transfer Conference

2014 World Congress on Advances in Civil, Environmental, and Materials Research (ACEM14)

For more events, please go to: http://www.concretepavements.org/calendar.htm.

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