



CALL FOR MINI-SYMPOSIA

Organizing a mini-symposium

Participants interested in organizing a mini-symposium as part of IALCCE 2016 are welcome to submit a proposal to the symposium organizers by July 1, 2015. Prospective mini-symposium organizers should consider the following items prior to submitting the proposal:

1. There are typically five presentations in a single session.
2. A mini-symposium is normally composed of no fewer than three sessions on a single topic of substantial current interest and importance in life-cycle civil engineering.
3. Speakers should be selected primarily for their current contributions to the topic area.
4. A mini-symposium organizer may speak as part of the mini-symposium that he/she is organizing.
5. Mini-symposia are discouraged in which most of the speakers come from the same organization or if all co-authors of the papers in a mini-symposium are from the same organization.

Mini-symposium themes

Participants are free to propose topics for mini symposium. Previous years typical IALCCE topics included:

- Ageing of Structures,
- Deterioration Modeling,
- Durable Materials,
- Earthquake and Accidental Loads,
- Fatigue and Damage,
- Marine and Severe Environments,
- Lifetime Structural Optimization,
- Long-term Performance Analysis,
- Performance Based Design,
- Service Life Prediction,
- Time-variant Reliability
- Uncertainty Modeling,

- Damage Identification,
- Field Testing,
- Health Monitoring,
- Inspection and Evaluation,
- Maintenance Strategies,
- Rehabilitation Techniques,
- Strengthening and Repair,
- Life-Cycle Cost Models,
- Project Management, Risk
- Analysis and Optimization,
- Artificial Intelligence Methods,
- Evolutionary Procedures.

Theme IALCCE 2016

The theme of the IALCCE 2016 conference is: *Civil Engineering from a life-cycle perspective.*

The Symposium will devote special attention to meet the following four objectives:

- (a) better control on asset performance over the life-cycle;
- (b) better value over the life-cycle;
- (c) in control of asset-related risks; and
- (d) reducing the environmental impact to society.

We would like the participants to pay attention to the relevance of these objectives. Contributions focusing on at least one of these objectives are particularly welcome.

Preparation of the Proposal

The Mini-Symposium Organizer(s) should provide the following information:

- **Title:** Describe the subject of the session as accurately and specifically as possible in not more than 10 words.
- **Organizer:** Provide the full name, title, affiliation, address, email address, and telephone number.
- **Summary:** Describe the mini-symposium in not more than 100 words. The summary should be written to attract those who specifically work on the topic as well as those who work in related areas. Based on experience, the following outline is suggested:
 - Explain the problem area to be addressed by the speakers and why it is important in significant applications.
 - Identify current directions of research and methods being developed to solve problems.
 - Describe the scope of the session.
- **Speakers:** Provide the full name, title, affiliation, address, and email address of each speaker and the title of his/her presentation.

Submitting the Proposal

If you are interested in organizing a mini-symposium as part of IALCCE 2016, please send your proposal, containing the above information, via email to the symposium scientific secretariat at: papers@ailcce.org by July 1, 2015.

In the subject of the email message, please indicate "IALCCE2016 MINI-SYMPOSIUM PROPOSAL".