



**RE: IABMAS2016 - Call for Papers, Mini-Symposia, and Special Sessions**

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the International Association for Bridge Maintenance And Safety (IABMAS), we are pleased to announce that the **8th International Conference on Bridge Maintenance, Safety and Management (IABMAS2016)** is organized under the auspices of *Escola Politécnica da Universidade de São Paulo* and *FDTE – Fundação para o Desenvolvimento Tecnológico da Engenharia* will be held in Foz do Iguaçu, Paraná, Brazil, on June 26-30, 2016. Attached please find the Preliminary Announcements.

IABMAS encompasses all aspects of bridge maintenance, safety, and management. The objective of the Association is to promote international cooperation in the fields of bridge maintenance, safety, and management for the purpose of enhancing the welfare of society. For detailed information about IABMAS please visit the website of the Association:

<http://www.iabmas.org>

The international IABMAS2016 conference aims at providing an appropriate atmosphere for the exchange of experiences related to bridge maintenance, safety, and management in order to stimulate and promote research into this field, and to bridge the gap between theory and practice. The Conference will be of interest to researchers, representatives from all sections of bridge engineering, bridge engineers working with transportation departments, consultants, contractors and local authorities interested in all aspects of bridge maintenance, safety, and management. For detailed information about IABMAS2016 please visit the website of the Conference:

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The official language of the Conference will be English. The Conference proceedings will be published by an international publisher and will be distributed at the Conference to registered participants. Extended versions of selected papers presented at the Conference will be considered for publication in *Structure and Infrastructure Engineering - Maintenance, Management, Life-Cycle Design & Performance*, an international peer-reviewed scientific journal endorsed by IABMAS, and included in the ISI Science Citation Index.

<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/titles/15732479.asp>

Authors are kindly invited to submit 300-word abstracts before **March 15th, 2015** through the online submission system available on the Conference website. Authors will be notified regarding the acceptance of their abstracts by May 15th, 2015. Full papers are due by November 15th, 2015. Final acceptance of full papers will be notified by December 15th, 2015.

Participants interested in organizing Mini-Symposia or Special Sessions as part of IABMAS2016 are requested to submit a proposal by email to [secretariat@iabmas2016.org](mailto:secretariat@iabmas2016.org) by **December 31st, 2014**. Guidelines for preparing Mini-Symposium and Special Session proposals are attached and available on the Conference Website.

We look forward to welcoming you to Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil, for IABMAS 2016.

For further details contact our secretariat: Ms. Tatiana Razuk – [secretariat@iabmas2016.org](mailto:secretariat@iabmas2016.org)

Sincerely,

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**Chairs of IABMAS2016**