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ERMC0 2018 CONGRESS — COMING SOON!
Spring is in the air and ERMCO News also! The ERMCO Congress Web site is ready to receive a lot of views. The ERMCO Congress will focus on “Concrete contribution to a changing world” on June 7,8, 2018 in Oslo, a wonderful place where experts, associations and employers will share their ideas on how to improve production and logistics while reducing energy impacts of concrete production, the contribution of concrete to infrastructures and smart cities, the technological tools for moving to a “4.0” concrete industry. Updated information will be available on the Congress’ home page: www.ermco2018.no/

THANKS TO ERMCO BOARD, ESD, ETC AND ESC COMMITTEES MEMBERS!
March has been an eventful month! The ERMCO Board and the Strategy and Development Committee and the met on March 20 and 21 in Vienna to discuss about the CSC Responsible Sourcing Scheme, concrete EPD tools, standardization of recycled concrete, innovation in concrete production, the ERMCO organization and other open issues. One week after, the ERMCO Technical and Sustainability Committees (photo) have discussed issues on concrete durability, assessment of concrete strength in structures, conformity assessment and others. All members has worked hard to identify topics discussed during the meetings. On behalf of the ERMCO Secretariat, thanks to Chairmen and to all ERMCO members attending the meetings. See you on June, in Prague!

RMC, CEMENT, AGGREGATE, AND CONSTRUCTION SECTORS TO MEET AT BETON 2017
Organized by Turkish Ready Mixed Concrete Association (THBB), “Beton 2017”, the ready mixed concrete Congress will bring together the Turkish ready mixed concrete, cement, aggregate, and construction industries at the Yeşilköy Istanbul Expo Center. The Congress will be held on 13-14 April 2017, together with “the Ready Mixed Concrete, Cement, Aggregate, Construction Technologies and Equipment Exhibition open on 13-15 April 2017. More than 400 delegates will attend, the ERMCO Secretary General will participate to inform on the recent developments of European standardization of concrete related issues. LINK

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ARCHITECT DEMANDS PERFECTION CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION

While architects once considered concrete a building’s underwear — an essential but hidden layer — Tadao Ando’s concrete structures display the material with pride. [LINK]

A LOVE LETTER TO THE GOLDEN AGE OF CONCRETE ARCHITECTURE

Postwar buildings aren’t aging gracefully, but Serge Fruehauf lovingly photographs them as if they’re monuments. [LINK]

CONCRETE VOLUMES CANTILEVER AND TWIST TO PROVIDE MOUNTAIN VIEWS FROM SOUTH KOREAN HOLIDAY RESORT

This cluster of holiday apartments by IDMM Architects in South Korea’s Gangwon region feature angular concrete and glass volumes that thrust outwards from a sloping site to ensure optimal views. [LINK]

LE CORBUSIER’S LOVE FOR CONCRETE

Le Corbusier’s love affair with concrete, evident in a number of his nearly 75 projects, began early. Having already designed his first house, the Villa Fallet, at the age of just 17, in 1907 the young architect embarked on a series of travels throughout central Europe on a mission of artistic education. In Paris, he apprenticed at the office of Auguste Perret, a structural rationalist and pioneer of reinforced concrete, then in 1910 he had a short stint at Peter Behrens’ practice in Berlin. These formative experiences initiated a life-long exploration of concrete in Le Corbusier’s work. [LINK]

ART WAREHOUSE IN BOEOTIA BY A31 ARCHITECTURE

A smooth, curved concrete shell forms the exterior of this art studio in Boeotia, central Greece by Athens studio A31 Architecture. [LINK]