INNOVATION IN READY MIXED CONCRETE PRODUCTION AND TRANSPORT

ERMCO firmly believes that this is a good time to look for innovation in the concrete production process. Suppliers and partners of the industry should join the ad-hoc ERMCO Working Group in order to identify current and future needs. This would benefit not only the industry, but the construction industry at large.

The ERMCO members have identified the following topics as most relevant: new generation of truck-mixers and pumps, management of logistics, aggregate moisture and concrete consistence control.

Those interested to take part to the WG please contact the Secretariat (secretariat@ermco.eu) for information on future activities.

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THE ERMCO PRESIDENT ATTENDS THE GERMAN CONCRETE DAY

Upon invitation of the German Association BTB, the ERMCO President Mr Javuz Isik has attended the 2017 German Concrete Day (Transportbeton Tage) in Augsburg. In his presentation Mr Isik has drawn attention on the positive impacts of the ready mixed concrete production on the European economy.

Mr Isik has highlighted that concrete is produced mainly using locally available materials and providing continuity in local job markets; the concrete sector sustains the local economy.

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ERMCO IS 50 years old!

On 27 October 1967, at the invitation of the German ready mixed Concrete Association, over a hundred delegates from 12 European countries met in Berlin to discuss the establishment of an European ready mixed concrete association. That day ERMCO was born!

After 50 years, 20 Congresses, several annual meetings all over Europe and...a number of standards, despite the global crisis ERMCO still remains the reference point of the rmc industry in Europe. Thanks its members, the National rmc associations, ERMCO will continue to support the development of the sector, taking into account sustainability, innovation but feasibility issues.

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3D PRINTED REINFORCED CONCRETE BRIDGE OPENS IN THE NETHERLANDS

A new cyclist bridge completely 3D printed has just opened in the Netherlands. Designed and built by engineers from the Technical University of Eindhoven and the construction company BAM Infra, the bridge was printed in pieces from a concrete mixture and reinforced with steel cable, before being assembled and erected on-site.

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AN INCREDIBLE ULTRA-THIN CONCRETE STRUCTURE

SUPPLIER CERTIFICATES FOR THE RESPONSIBLE SOURCING SCHEME

CSC has introduced into the RSS scheme Supplier Certificates for major constituents (aggregates, cement, cementitious materials). So far for these products there was only a score, but no certificate. The approach now implemented is an interim solution; version 2 of the RSS technical framework will identify a permanent solution with the 2.0 RSS scheme version, to be published in 2018.

MODERN CONCRETE HOME

CONCRETE MULTIFAMILY BUILDINGS LESS EXPENSIVE TO INSURE THAN WOOD-FRAMED

A study commissioned by the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA) has found that builder’s risk and commercial property insurance policies are likely higher for wood-framed multifamily buildings than those made of concrete, according to Insurance Business America.

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MODERN CONCRETE HOMES DESIGNED AS LOW-COST HOUSING

Concrete is a remarkably versatile material used to make everything from wacky luxe abodes to brutalist coffee machines. But concrete also provides a low-cost housing material with high-design impact. The latest example can be seen in this pair of humble homes in Rio Ceballos, Argentina.

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