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## Welcome

Dear member

Welcome to the second issue this year of the ERMCO Newsletter .

We will always be very happy to include any of your articles on whatever issues you might want to share with other ERMCO members.

In this issue, we have found something from the fortunate coincidence of ERMCO and the Belgian Association, FEDBETON, sharing the same office roof in Brussels.....

ERMCO Secretariat team ■

## ... "Under one roof....."

**FEDBETON** in its first News has published an article on "Seven pieces of advice for placing ready-mixed concrete" – in fact it consists of seven wall posters.

What Fedbeton calls:  
"The seven pieces of advice" comes from the interesting job done by our Dutch association VOBN which produced the original posters and has offered them for the use of other ERMCO members.



**VOBN** has offered the original Dutch version of the posters which have been already translated into Slovak, English, French, German, Hebrew and Polish is on the way.

With this article, Fedbeton is offering useful practical information on how use the posters ....



So ... let's take this as an example, continue to take confidence from the fact that we are all "under one roof", and SHARE good ideas.

## News on admixtures

If you have ever wanted to understand more about modern plasticisers and superplasticisers, but without too much chemistry and technical detail, click [here](#) to read a useful article in 'Concrete', March 2010. It explains the basis of the function of modern PCE products (polycarboxylate ether – a bit of chemistry!).

For something more revolutionary ..... it is now claimed that bacteria can be used as an admixture to heal cracks in concrete. Don't believe it? Then click [here](#) to read about Dutch research which shows exactly that.



## What has Leonardo di Caprio got to do with concrete?

Answer – nothing. But the 'Titanic Project' has just seen the biggest-ever concrete pour in Ireland. In Belfast, in fact, where the Titanic was built. The project will be complete in 2012, 100 years after the doomed ship was launched. Click [here](#) to read more in the article in 'Concrete' magazine March 2010.



## Safety first??



"...but did the Safety Manager know about this?"