

BY-LAWS
OF IA-CONCREEP
(INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR CREEP, SHRINKAGE AND
DURABILITY MECHANICS OF CONCRETE AND OTHER QUASI-
BRITTLE MATERIALS)

1 OBJECTIVES

The main objective for which the Association is constituted is to foster and promote within the scientific and engineering community a better understanding of the mechanisms, modeling and prediction of creep, shrinkage and durability of concrete and other quasi-brittle materials, and related subjects. For this purpose the Association will arrange at regular intervals of several years, typically THREE years (henceforth called the INTERVAL), international conferences (CONCREEP Conferences) addressing the latest results and implementation strategies of creep, shrinkage and durability mechanics research at the interface of solid mechanics, materials science, experimental mechanics, and computational mechanics of concrete-like materials, and the related structural engineering problems. By durability mechanics is understood a mechanics approach to durability problems (complimenting, e.g., a purely chemical approach to durability problems). The Association may also:

- a) Arrange various meetings of a professional nature which may involve presentations of papers, technical discussion, lectures. or the display of audiovisual aids for the study and promotion of all aspects of creep, shrinkage and durability mechanics of concrete and other quasi-brittle materials.
- b) Arrange and co-ordinate various researches, academic and related activities, in the general field of creep, shrinkage and durability mechanics of concrete and other quasi-brittle materials
- c) Arrange visits of a technical nature.
- d) Arrange social functions to promote contact amongst the members.
- e) Arrange joint meetings with other bodies.

2 CONSTITUTION

The title of the Association shall be the International Association for Creep, Shrinkage and Durability Mechanics of Concrete and Other Quasi-Brittle Materials (IA-CONCREEP). The Association shall be registered in the State of Illinois, USA (File Number to be announced).

The By-Laws of the Association and any amendments shall be agreed by not less than two-thirds of the number of members present at a General Meeting.

3 MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all those who are active in a professional capacity in any aspect of creep, shrinkage and durability mechanics of concrete and other quasi-brittle materials. Applications for membership must be submitted in writing. The Board of Directors shall have the power to exclude from membership anybody who has not discharged his professional responsibilities with integrity.

4 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

4.1 Headquarters

The Headquarters of the Association shall be located at Evanston in the State of Illinois, USA, unless a change of Headquarters is agreed by the Association.

4.2 General Assembly

The General Assembly consists of all the members of the Association. A meeting of the General Assembly will be held at each CONCREEP Conference to:

- a) Elect Officers for the next INTERVAL;
- b) Elect Members of the Advisory Board for the next two INTERVALS;
- c) Consider Reports from Officers;
- d) Consider any other related business.

4.3 The President

The Association shall have a President who is elected by the General Assembly for a term of one INTERVAL; such election should normally be conducted during a CONCREEP Conference. The President shall organize the next CONCREEP conference following his/her election in the framework of CONCREEP Conference Guidelines accepted by the General Assembly.

The formative years of 2001-2002 will be a special period during which there shall be two Founding Presidents. The founding presidents shall lead the initial promotion of the Association and develop constructive contacts with other bodies (especially RILEM, Paris) during 2002. One Founding President shall effect the incorporation of the Association in 2001 and set up the headquarters, and the second shall constitute the Advisory Board. The term of the Founding Presidents ends in 2002.

4.4 The Past President

The Past President shall be the immediate past president of the Association, serving for a term of one INTERVAL.

4.5 President-Elect

The Association shall have a President Elect elected by the General Assembly and serving

for a term of one INTERVAL; such election should normally be conducted during a CONCREEP Conference.

4.6 The Treasurer

The Association shall have a Treasurer elected by the General Assembly for a term of one INTERVAL; such election should normally be conducted during a CONCREEP Conference. The Treasurer shall prepare an annual report declaring the financial position of the Association.

4.7 The Secretary

The Association shall have a Secretary elected by the General Assembly for a term of one INTERVAL. Such election should normally be conducted during a CONCREEP Conference. The Secretary shall prepare minutes of meetings, notices of meetings, newsletters and membership lists.

4.8 Board of Directors

There shall be a Board of Directors of the Association consisting of five elected Directors, i.e. the President, the Past President, the President Elect, the Treasurer and the Secretary, to hold office for such period as the By-Laws for the time being of the Association shall prescribe. The government and control of the Association, its property and affairs shall be vested in the Board of Directors subject to the provisions of the By-Laws.

The Board of Directors shall be chaired by the President of the Association.

The Board of Directors, its officers and Advisory Board shall have such functions, tenure and terms of office as the By-Laws of the Association may prescribe. The President in consultation with the Board shall have the power to fill temporarily occasional vacancies in the officers or Directors of the Board and members of the Advisory Board to hold office until the next CONCREEP Conference. In the case that the office of President may become vacant, the Past President will immediately assume office until a new President is elected by the Board of Directors, to serve for the remaining period of the INTERVAL.

There will be a special period of the first two formative years of the Association (2001,2002) for which different Boards of Directors, with different terms of office of its members, may be approved during the founding meeting of the Association at MIT in August 2001.

4.9 Advisory Board

The Advisory Board shall have eight Members representing scientific, geographical and industrial interests.

Four of the Members shall be elected by the General Assembly for a term of two INTERVALS; such elections should normally be conducted during a CONCREEP Conference. Two of the elected Members shall normally be replaced at each Conference.

Four of the Members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors to serve for a term of

one INTERVAL; such appointments shall normally be declared during the meeting of the General Assembly at each CONCREEP Conference.

The terms of members elected at the founding meeting of the Association in 2001 may differ.

5 CONCREEP CONFERENCES

The President after consultation with the Board of Directors and Advisory Board will appoint a Conference International Scientific Committee and a local Conference Organizing Committee. The CONCREEP Conferences shall be organized within the framework of CONCREEP Conference Guidelines accepted by the General Assembly.

6 FINANCE

The CONCREEP Conferences shall be so organized that each will be self-financing. The Association will operate a no membership fee policy with its running expenses being provided out of income derived from CONCREEP Conferences and other related activities.

The finances of the Association shall be managed by the Treasurer, subject to the control of the Board of Directors under the general direction of the General Assembly. The accounts of the Association shall be audited annually by two members of the Association, not being Directors of the Board. The auditors shall be elected for a term of one INTERVAL at the meeting of the General Assembly.

The Association is a non-profit making organization. The members of the Association and the members of the Council and its officers shall have no personal claim on the property of the Association, and no portion of such property shall be paid or transferred to any person who at any time is or has been a member of the Association provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration in return for any services rendered to the Association or the reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses properly incurred.

7 CO-OPERATION, AMALGAMATION AND DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association may enter into agreements for the purpose of amalgamating with other kindred bodies or may enter into voluntary dissolution of the Association. Upon dissolution of the Association or the winding up of its affairs, assets of the Association shall be distributed exclusively to scientific, educational or charitable organizations.