

PITTSBURGH CONVENTION SUMMARY



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As is always the case, the 13 ICRI technical committees had a productive convention. The theme of the ICRI 2010 Fall Convention was “Transportation Structures,” and what better place than Pittsburgh, PA, the “City of Bridges,” to hold our transportation-themed convention. Pittsburgh has 445 bridges, more than any other city in the world, except Venice, Italy. The historic 1916 Omni

William Penn Hotel was very accommodating, with comfortable meeting rooms, a beautiful lobby, and an exquisite grand ballroom. Technical committee meetings were well attended and, as usual, much was accomplished. The ICRI technical committees are focused and busy with the following activities:

- Revising or reapproving four of the 16 existing ICRI technical guidelines;
- Working on 12 new guidelines that are in various stages of progress;
- Working on a number of guideline specifications;
- Working on several materials data sheet protocols; and
- Working on several white papers.

Consistent with ICRI’s goal to collaborate with allied organizations, ICRI and the Post-Tensioning Institute (PTI) are continuing their development of a joint document on the evaluation and repair of unbonded post-tensioned concrete structures. An ICRI Task Group is busy contributing to the document, which is based on a combination of the two existing ICRI post-tensioned guidelines with added information. Significant work by both ICRI and PTI members has gone into this new document and it will hopefully be available in 2011.

A total of 17 excellent presentations were delivered in the technical sessions and by all accounts the speakers received high marks. These presentations covered many different aspects of topics related to the “Transportation” theme, from evaluation and testing to innovative repairs and specialty materials. In addition, Tanya Komars introduced ICRI’s recently updated *Technical Guideline* No. 210.4, “Guide for Nondestructive Evaluation Methods for Condition Assessment, Repair, and Performance Monitoring of Concrete Structures.” Handouts from, or copies of, the presentations can be obtained at the ICRI Web site under the “EVENTS” tab. Thank you to all the speakers for their excellent presentations. In addition, many thanks to Peter Golter, Dale Regnier, and Kelly Page for their great job in organizing the technical sessions.

Lastly, on behalf of ICRI, I would like to thank this year’s outgoing members of TAC and welcome the new incoming members. A huge thank-you goes to Michael Tabassi and Don Ford for their dedicated and enthusiastic service to TAC, as their terms have come to an end. Michael and Don have been great contributors during their TAC tenure and their significant efforts are recognized. I am very excited to welcome our two new TAC members: Gabriel Jimenez and Lee Sizemore. Gabriel and Lee bring a wide range of knowledge and expertise that will certainly benefit TAC.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments. You can reach me at kmichols@wje.com or (847) 272-7400.