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TEMPE CONVENTION SUMMARY



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he ICRI technical committees had a productive 2009 Fall Convention in beautiful Tempe, AZ. The Buttes Marriott Resort was hospitable and our host city delivered outstanding weather—lots of sunshine and temperatures around 70°F (21°C). Despite the beautiful weather, technical committee meetings were well attended; and, as usual, much was accom-

plished at the convention. The ICRI technical committees are hard at work with the following activities:

- Revising or reapproving six of the 14 existing ICRI guidelines;
- Finalizing revisions on three existing guidelines that should be ready for publication in the near future;
- Working on six new guidelines that are in various stages of progress;
- Working on several guideline specifications;
- Working on several materials data sheet protocols; and
- Working on several white papers.

ICRI and the Post-Tensioning Institute (PTI) are working together to develop a document on the evaluation and repair of unbonded post-tensioned concrete structures that is a combination of the two existing ICRI post-tensioned guidelines with added information. The new joint document is anticipated to be available in 2010. This collaboration between ICRI and PTI will produce a useful document that will be beneficial to members of both organizations. The ICRI review group reviewed the draft of the proposed guide at the Tempe convention.

ICRI is adding two new technical committees in response to two very important industry endeavors. The first is

Committee 150, ICRI Notes on ACI 562 Code Requirements. Rick Edelson will chair this committee with the task of developing notes on how to implement requirements of the forthcoming ACI 562 Code Requirements for Evaluation, Repair, and Rehabilitation of Existing Concrete Buildings. The first official committee meeting will be at the ICRI 2010 Spring Convention in Myrtle Beach, SC. The second is Committee 160, Sustainability, which will be chaired by Stephan Trepanier with the mission to develop and report information on sustainable concrete and masonry repair and maintenance practices. Both of these initiatives are timely, relevant, and important to the concrete repair industry. Please consider joining these new committees and actively participating.

The theme of the ICRI 2009 Fall Convention was "Flooring Issues." Twelve excellent presentations were delivered, and the technical sessions received high marks. These presentations covered many different aspects of flooring related topics from testing and troubleshooting to innovative repairs and specialty materials. 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, recognition goes to Peter Golter and Kelly Page for their great job in organizing the technical sessions.

Lastly, on behalf of ICRI, I would like to thank Peter Lipphardt for his 3 years of service on the Technical Activities Committee (TAC) as his term comes to an end. TAC welcomes Peter Kolf as he starts his term in January. Peter's extensive knowledge and practical engineering experience will certainly be an asset to the committee.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments. You can reach me at KMichols@wje.com.