

**International Committee on Irradiated Concrete
First General Meeting Announcement Update
Knoxville, TN, USA
2-5 November 2015**

30 June 2015

Dear Colleagues,

You are receiving this message because you are a member of the International Committee on Irradiated Concrete (ICIC) or participated in one of the two framework meetings held last year in Barcelona and Helsinki and expressed an interest in participating in meetings focused on the effects of radiation on concrete. We are pleased to inform you that Oak Ridge National Laboratory will host the First General Meeting of the ICIC in Knoxville, Tennessee, USA, on 2-5, November 2015.

As you know, the ICIC was formed to provide a forum for broad technical interactions in research on the effects of irradiation on concrete used in nuclear applications, such as nuclear facilities, storage, and disposal sites, and which will contribute to advancing the current state of knowledge. Like the framework meetings, all participants will have an opportunity to present updates on their work on or related to irradiated concrete. These updates may vary from detailed discussions of new results or brief updates or summaries of their activities. And since this meeting is expected to attract additional participants, the new participants will be encouraged to present a broader discussion of their previous, current, or proposed activities on irradiated concrete. General Meeting Guidelines, as defined in the ICIC Charter, are listed below.

The Technical Meeting will be focused around the four Technical Areas selected by vote of the members at the conclusion of the Helsinki meeting. The TAs and the Technical Area Coordinators (TACs) are as follows:

1. Structural Performance and Mechanistic Understanding of the Effects of Radiation on Concrete
(Y. Le Pape – ORNL, USA)
2. Harvesting and Characterization of Service Irradiated Concrete (M. Ordonez, ENRESA, Spain)
3. Accelerated Irradiation Studies of Concrete & Components (M. Koleska, RC-Rez, Czech Repub.)
4. Characterization of Irradiated Concrete (C. Andrade, CSIC, Spain)

Preliminary Meeting Details:

Location: Center city (downtown), Knoxville, TN, USA. This is a short (15-20 minute) taxi ride from the airport.

Hotel: Hilton Hotel. Please see web page for details.

Dates: 2 November 2015 – 5 November 2015

Meeting Outline:

Monday, 2 November (late afternoon / evening): Executive Committee Meeting (Officers and Technical Area Coordinators). The Executive Committee will meet to discuss issues that may need to be shared or discussed with the ICIC members (Process for accepting new members, etc.). Executive Committee Welcome of Participants (18:00)

Tuesday, 3 November: ICIC Closed Technical Meeting Technical Presentations grouped into Technical Area sessions and chaired by the Technical Area Coordinators as selected at the Helsinki Framework Meeting

Wednesday, 4 November: Travel to ORNL for tours of the Concrete lab, Low Activation Materials Development and Analysis (LAMDA) labs, and the High Flux Isotope Reactor (HFIR), **ICIC Closed Technical Session after lunch**, followed an optional meeting dinner ~ 19:30.

Thursday, 5 November: ICIC business meeting to select the site of the next meeting, and officers followed by **Final Technical Session including Technical Area Summaries**. We also anticipate having an **Open Session Technical Session** (Participants will be able to present previously published work to a broader audience). Meeting will adjourn by ~ 16:00

Friday, 6 November: Although the meeting dates are one – two weeks past the peak dates for the color change of the leaves in the nearby Smoky Mountains, some attendees may wish to take the ~ 1 – 1.5 hour drive on Friday morning if their schedules permit. **(We are also considering arranging an optional trip to the Smoky Mountains on Friday, 6 November 2015.)**

Attendance: We are anticipating 35 - 50 participants

Meeting Registration: Although there is no fee to attend meeting, attendees must register to enable proper planning. This will include:

- Participating in the closed technical sessions (Members and invited guests only)
- Providing notification of intent to participate in the optional meeting dinner on Wednesday, 4 November 2015,
- Providing notification of intent to participate in the ORNL Tour. Since the tour requires ORNL security clearance, sufficient lead-time is needed to complete the internal paperwork. The deadline is anticipated to be 15 September 2015.
- Submitting a preliminary title of the talk for which they are either the lead author or a coauthor. (Yes the title may be altered). The purpose is to help the organizers plan the technical sessions. (Note some invited participants will be attending as guests of the Executive Committee).

Open Session Only: Those who plan only to attend the open session on Thursday must also register to help plan the session. This session is open to non-experts interested in learning more about the

The Registration deadlines will be announced soon.

A copy of the draft charter is attached. Additional meeting details will be made available on a publicly accessible web page with registration, hotel, and local (Knoxville) information.

ICIC Charter Guidance:

Obligation to attend the General Meetings: If an Organizational Member is not represented at two successive ICIC General Meetings, its membership will cease pending Executive Committee review. Normal membership application may be required before further participation is possible.

Participation in General Meetings: Participation in General Meetings is normally limited to those members who are contributing information as an author or co-author of a presentation to be given at the meeting. With the approval of a majority of the Executive Committee Officers, this requirement may be waived. Moreover, with the approval of the Officers, a Principal Contact or a Member of the Executive Committee may invite someone to participate in a meeting without applying for membership, provided that the invited participant makes a presentation and agrees to abide by the ICIC rules regarding

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General Meetings of the ICIC will be held at intervals of approximately every 12 – 18 months. The language of the meetings will be English.

At each General Meeting, the Executive Committee will recommend the dates and location for the subsequent General Meeting to the members.

Each General Meeting will last approximately two (2) - three (3) days, one (1) – two (2) days of which typically will be devoted to technical discussions/presentations in workshop format and one (1) to two (2) days devoted to open presentations.

Attendance at the open session will be by member invitation (with advanced notification to the Executive Committee) and may include interested technical experts, researchers, managers, or sponsors.

Attendance in the “technical workshop” will include ICIC members and individuals who have unique or specialized information applicable to irradiated concrete research. The Technical Area Coordinators, in coordination of the Executive Committee, will invite these individuals provided that the invited participant makes a presentation and agrees to abide by the ICIC rules regarding confidentiality and dissemination of information (Section 3). Each presenter is required to provide a complete electronic copy of the presentation to the organizing committee for the meeting record (Section 3). In special circumstances, a Principal Contact may request a non-member attend without presentation, which also must be approved by the Officers. In this case, an attendee will not be given copies of the presentations. (Section 2.1.5)

A meeting of the Executive Committee will normally precede each General Meeting. Additional meetings of the Executive Committee and the various Task Groups will be held on an as-needed basis.

Looking forward to seeing you in Knoxville.

On behalf of the Executive Committee,

Best regards,

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