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**IJSSD 2015 SYMPOSIUM ON
PROGRESS IN STRUCTURAL
STABILITY AND DYNAMICS**

**21-24 JULY 2015
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INTRODUCTION

The international conference series on *Advances in Steel Structures* was initiated in 1996 under the auspices of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, which remained very active in fostering its continuation – joined a few years later by the Hong Kong Institute of Steel Construction. This will be the eighth conference of the series (ICASS'15) and the first to take place outside of Asia – indeed, the first, second, third and sixth conferences were held in Hong Kong, the fourth in Shanghai, the fifth in Singapore and the seventh in Nanjing. As its predecessors, this conference aims at providing a forum for discussion and dissemination, by researchers and designers, of the most recent advances in the analysis, behaviour, design and construction of steel, aluminium and composite steel-concrete structures. Abstracts of papers relating to all topics belonging to the above general themes of the conference are welcome – they will be considered for oral presentation at ICASS'15 and publication in the conference proceedings.

Once again, the ICASS conference will be held in conjunction with the IJSSD Symposium on Progress in Structural Stability and Dynamics (IJSSD 2015), focusing theoretical, analytical, experimental and design aspects of structural stability and dynamics. This partnership, which started in 2009, has been very successful in merging technical/scientific communities sharing a large number of research interests.

CONFERENCE VENUE AND DATE

ICASS'15 and IJSSD 2015 will be held at the Congress Centre of Instituto Superior Técnico (IST/UL) — University of Lisbon, Portugal, on 21-24 July 2015.

LANGUAGE

The language of the conference is English, both for the presentations and Conference Proceedings.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Those wishing to participate in the conference or symposium are invited to submit a single page abstract of about 400 words. This abstract should indicate clearly the content of the paper, highlight its contribution to advance the knowledge in the respective area of research and indicate whether it is intended for ICASS'15 or IJSSD 2015.

PROCEEDINGS

The papers accepted by the ICASS'15 and IJSSD 2015 Scientific Committees and presented at the Conference or Symposium will be published in hard bound Proceedings, distributed to the participants at registration. The publication of international journal special issue is also being considered – they would include extended versions of selected papers presented at the Conference.

REGISTRATION AND FEES

The registration fee for the joint participation in ICASS'15 and IJSSD 2015 is 700 € (630 € if paid before April 15). This fee covers a copy of the Proceedings, admission to the technical sessions, welcome reception, lunches, coffee breaks and banquet. The fee for the accompanying person program is 400 € (360 € if paid before April 15) and includes the welcome reception, the banquet and sightseeing activities to be announced later. No more than two papers can be presented by each registered participant.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

- Submission of abstracts – 30 September 2014
- Acceptance of abstracts – 1 December, 2014
- Submission of papers – 15 February, 2015
- Acceptance of full papers – 31 March, 2015

IJSSD 2015 SYMPOSIUM

The IJSSD 2015 Symposium sessions and proceedings will be organised jointly with Prof. C.M. Wang, from the National University of Singapore (E-mail: ceewcm@nus.edu.sg), and the IJSSD Technical Committee:

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