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### «Mixed Structures, including New Materials» IABSE Symposium, Brussels, Belgium, 5 – 7, 1990

The Call for papers for the next Symposium of IABSE has drawn great interest. 295 abstracts were submitted to the Scientific Committee, which met on September 8, 1989, in Lisbon, to select the abstracts for the Technical Programme. The task of the committee, chaired by Prof. Vandepitte, was not an easy one due to the number of excellent papers received.

The Symposium will comprise five sessions, each consisting of

- the presentation, by one or more General Reporters, of a summary of some of the papers
- the presentation of some papers by their Authors
- a discussion period.

Poster sessions have become an asset at IABSE conferences, and will again be one of the best opportunities for high level and personal exchange of views on case studies in mixed structures, or composite construction.

A commercial exhibition will complete the technical programme.

International associations in the field of structural engineering (CEB, ECCS, FIP, IASS, and RILEM) have contributed to the scientific programme with suggestions and nominations for speakers.

The Final Invitation, to be issued in January 1990, will be mailed to all those who have shown their interest in participating in the Symposium. The Organizing Committee is preparing a unique social and cultural programme which will complete the very promising technical programme.

At the beginning of September hotels in Brussels have already a high occupancy rate, therefore members are encouraged to register early for the Symposium. Over 500 participants are expected in Brussels: Thanks to the topic, the location, and the recent history of IABSE Symposia (Tokyo 1986, Paris-Versailles 1987, Lisbon 1989, each with 700 participants or more) reigns an optimistic mood in the Organizing Committee.



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