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### **Call for Papers: “Innovative Infrastructures—Toward Human Urbanism” 18th IABSE Congress, Seoul, September 19-21, 2012**

The Korean Group of IABSE and Seoul National University, are organising the 18th IABSE Congress “Innovative Infrastructures—Towards Human Urbanism” in Seoul, from September 19-21, 2012. The Scientific Committee is chaired by Hyun-Moo Koh (Chair of the Korean Group) and the Organising Committee by Sung-Pil Chang (Vice-President of IABSE).

The construction of social infrastructures has restlessly absorbed new and advanced technologies through technology fusion, not only with other branches of engineering but also with diversified domains such as economy, politics and human sciences. Time is now to enhance and maintain our living environment by means of nature-friendly and human-oriented technologies. The renewal of our urban environment, as well as the creation of new urban areas that take place in Korea and the rest of the world will offer benchmarks for discussions. This will help derive the roles of structural engineers in the evaluation and prevention of social risks caused by the side effects of modern technology.

This Congress is intended for civil and structural engineers and associated professionals interested in the latest achievements and developments in the research, design, construction, monitoring, maintenance and rehabilitation of civil engineering structures.

**Themes and Topics:** Sustainable Infrastructures—a Service Life Perspective; New Urban Transportation Structures; Structures and Materials—Extending the Limits; Innovative Design Concepts.

Authors are invited to submit a 200- to 300-words abstract in English online in accordance with the themes and topics, without illustrations online, by **September 30, 2011**.

The Preliminary Invitation and more information is available on the IABSE website:

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