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New Chair of the IABSE Foundation Council: Tobia Zordan, Italy

On November 1, 2011, Tobia Zordan, Italy, assumed office as Chair of the IABSE Foundation Council. He is the successor of Klaus Ostenfeld, Denmark, who chaired the Council from 2003-2011.

Born in 1971, Tobia Zordan obtained his MSc in Civil Engineering in 1997 at the University of Padova and a PhD in Structural Engineering at the University of Trento in 2004. Since 2003 he is Partner and CEO of Bolina Ingegneria in Venice, Italy.

His fields of expertise are: Design, monitoring and refurbishment of bridges and buildings; Sustainability in structural design; Composite steel and concrete structures and joints. Prof. Zordan is internationally known within the field of integral bridges and is presently professor at Tongji University, Shanghai, China.

Tobia Zordan received the IABSE Young Engineer outstanding paper award in the Year 2002 and has been active in several IABSE committees and conferences since he joined IABSE in 2000. He was member of WC 7 'Sustainable Engineering' (2007-2011); Vice-Chair of the IABSE E-Learning Board (2009-2011); Member the Scientific Committees for the symposia held in Budapest 2006 and in Venice 2010; Member of the Young Engineers Programme Board and the Outstanding Paper Award Committees 2008 and 2009. As a Member of the IABSE Foundation Council he in particular introduced the 'Onlus Yovo for Applied Training in Togo, Africa' which received the Foundation's large support.

The IABSE Foundation Council is as per Nov. 1, 2011 composed of: Tobia Zordan, Italy (Chair); Mourad M. Bakhoun, Egypt; Yaojun Ge, China; Thomas Glanzmann, Switzerland; Manfred A. Hirt, Switzerland; Hajime Ikeda, Japan; Aarne Jutila, Finland; Risto Kiviluoma, Finland; Peter Maydl, Austria; William Nugent, USA; Ann Schumacher, Switzerland,

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