220 participants and 17 different nations

The 1st International Interactive Symposium on UHPC took place from 18 – 20th July this year in Des Moines, Iowa – USA. The symposium offered an ideal platform for disseminating expert knowledge and the latest results from research in the field of ultra-high performance concretes. An interesting feature was the possibility of the audience taking part interactively in special podiums. Questions could be posed during the lectures via an app. These were then presented by a moderator at the end of the lectures and jointly answered by the experts. This approach with its workshop character led to very dynamic developments in the discussions between audiences and speakers.

The UHPC 2016 Symposium dealt with several subject areas such as material properties, material behaviour, bridge construction with UHPC, architecture with UHPC. Numerous talks in differing parallel podiums about research and development gave visitors the opportunity of selecting their own main areas of interest.

An attractive supporting programme and various guided tours to nearby structures made from UHPC plus a visit to the Iowa State University laboratories were also available.

The next International Interactive Symposium on UHPC will take place in 2019.

Veronafiere Exhibition Centre, 37135 Verona, Italy

30th SaMoTer scheduled in Verona
22-25 February 2017

SaMoTer has been the landmark even in Italy since 1964 for the construction equipment sector. The coming date at the Verona Exhibition Centre will focus on the management and prevention of environmental emergencies and is scheduled in conjunction with Asphaltica, the exhibition dedicated to technologies and solutions for road paving, safety and transport infrastructures, and Transpotec Logitec, the transport and logistics event.

A change in direction as regards production and purchases of machinery and equipment in Italy, after the low-point posted in 2013, is demonstrated by the latest data analysed by SaMoTer Veronafiera Outlook. In fact, imports came to 816.7 million euros in the first four months of 2016, up by 1.6% compared to the same period last year. Imports also performed well: between January and April 2016, Italy posted turnover of 210.3 million euros, up 13.8% over the first four months of 2015.

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