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**Invitation to the 12th IABSE Congress**

Invitation au 12e Congrès de l'AIPC

Einladung zum 12. Kongress der IVBH

**PETER ADAMS**Chairman National Organizing Committee  
12th IABSE Congress in Vancouver  
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my great pleasure today to deliver to all of you, a formal invitation to attend the next Congress of the Association. The congress is scheduled for Canada, September 1984, in Vancouver.

There are several reasons why I hope you will attend the 1984 congress. First and foremost is the sure knowledge that the technical program will exhibit the same high standards as those maintained in previous meetings of the IABSE. Although the themes of the congress have yet to be finalized, it is the firm intention of all concerned that the program will again feature leading international structural engineers in exciting and topical sessions. As an added feature the 1984 symposium of the Fédération Internationale de la Précontrainte will be held in Calgary, Canada in August 1984. The IABSE Congress will be coordinated with the FIP Symposium so that participants can enjoy a trip through Canada's Rocky Mountains from Calgary to Vancouver, between the two events.

The second reason I hope you will join us in Vancouver is to take advantage of the opportunity of seeing the spectacular Vancouver area. Vancouver is situated in one of the most beautiful settings imaginable - a very fortunate location where rugged snow-clad mountains meet a sparkling ocean. In a moment you will see a brief film, featuring some of the attractions of the Vancouver area so that you can judge this beauty for yourselves.

And the third reason I hope you will consider attending the Vancouver Congress is that the trip - especially for those coming from outside the North American continent - will represent the greatest travel and vacation bargain in recent years. As you know, in the past few years the Canadian Dollar has dropped in value relative to European and Japanese currencies. To give you some idea of the values you can expect an expense index has been developed which incorporates travel costs, hotel and meal charges. The index for Canada stands at approximately 40 whereas for Vienna it is over 90. Thus you can expect to obtain more than twice as much for your money in Canada as you have at this Congress.

*And now - could we have the film - which has been selected by the Organizing Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Donald Jamieson.*

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It will be impossible for us to duplicate the magnificent setting of Vienna and the strong sense of history that pervades all of Europe.

It will be most difficult, to match the warm welcome our hosts have displayed at this 1980 Congress.

And it will be difficult indeed to match the excellence of the technical and social programs that we have enjoyed so much.

I can assure you, however, that we will do our best and that the 1984 Congress will reflect the attractions that are unique to Canada and to Vancouver.

We will need a great deal of help from our more experienced friends in other countries, but I can promise you today that your attendance at the Vancouver Congress will be both interesting and enjoyable.

I have one small request before I close - would you all remove your notebooks and pens from your pockets and very carefully mark the dates

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because for that period you will be with us in VANCOUVER.