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## Invitation to the 13th IABSE Congress

Invitation au 13e Congrès de l'AIPC

Einladung zum 13. Kongress der IVBH

### **Kurt WIDBOM**

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Mesdames et Messieurs,  
Meine Damen und Herren,  
Mr. President,  
Ladies and Gentlemen

The Finnish Group of the International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering, together with the Association of Finnish Civil Engineers, has the great honour and pleasure to invite the International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering to hold its thirteenth Congress in Helsinki, beginning 5th of June 1988.

For three years the preliminary Organizing Committee has been studying the questions connected with the Congress arrangements. During this time most valuable information has been given by the Headquarters of IABSE especially by the President, Prof. Thürlimann, and the Executive Director, Mr. Alain Golay, to whom we want to express our special gratitude.

The arranging of such a conference would not be possible with the resources of the Finnish Group of IABSE alone. Thus the decision made by the Board of the Association of Finnish Civil Engineers to take over the financial responsibility and the practical arrangements has made it possible to invite IABSE to Helsinki in 1988.

The scheduled time of the Congress, a few weeks before Midsummer, will be most suitable as far as the weather is concerned. There are light nights in Finland with no sunset at all in Lappland.

And finally I assure you that we do not have any icebears walking the streets of Helsinki!

Mr. President,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Finnish Group of IABSE and the Association of Finnish Civil Engineers are looking forward to meeting you all and our other Colleagues, accompanied by spouses and friends on the 5th of June 1988 in Helsinki.

Bienvenu à Helsinki  
Willkommen in Helsinki  
Welcome in Helsinki 1988  
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