

Zeitschrift: IABSE bulletin = Bulletin AIPC = IVBH Bulletin
Band: 13 (1989)
Heft: B-48: IABSE bulletin

Vorwort

Autor: Golay, Alain

Nutzungsbedingungen

Die ETH-Bibliothek ist die Anbieterin der digitalisierten Zeitschriften auf E-Periodica. Sie besitzt keine Urheberrechte an den Zeitschriften und ist nicht verantwortlich für deren Inhalte. Die Rechte liegen in der Regel bei den Herausgebern beziehungsweise den externen Rechteinhabern. Das Veröffentlichen von Bildern in Print- und Online-Publikationen sowie auf Social Media-Kanälen oder Webseiten ist nur mit vorheriger Genehmigung der Rechteinhaber erlaubt. [Mehr erfahren](#)

Conditions d'utilisation

L'ETH Library est le fournisseur des revues numérisées. Elle ne détient aucun droit d'auteur sur les revues et n'est pas responsable de leur contenu. En règle générale, les droits sont détenus par les éditeurs ou les détenteurs de droits externes. La reproduction d'images dans des publications imprimées ou en ligne ainsi que sur des canaux de médias sociaux ou des sites web n'est autorisée qu'avec l'accord préalable des détenteurs des droits. [En savoir plus](#)

Terms of use

The ETH Library is the provider of the digitised journals. It does not own any copyrights to the journals and is not responsible for their content. The rights usually lie with the publishers or the external rights holders. Publishing images in print and online publications, as well as on social media channels or websites, is only permitted with the prior consent of the rights holders. [Find out more](#)

Download PDF: 10.01.2026

ETH-Bibliothek Zürich, E-Periodica, <https://www.e-periodica.ch>

Wishes and hopes for 1989

At the turn of a calendar year, many of us make resolutions on what the following year is going to be – or how it should be. 1989 should be a very important year for our sixty years' old Association.

Under the guidance of President von Gunten, the Executive Committee and its Subcommittee (MM Brainov, Bulgaria; Macchi, Italy; Maeda, Japan; Subba Rao, India), has been working for the first time on defining a **Long Range Plan** for the IABSE. Other leaders of IABSE and members of its Permanent Committee have been involved since 1987 in this process with interviews, surveys, and advice on working documents. A professional counsel did assist us in developing this study. The objective is to present a report to the Permanent Committee in Lisbon in September 1989.

In this issue of IABSE PERIODICA you will find a report on characteristics and attitudes of the IABSE membership. The report may be a bit «dry» to read, but it contains a wealth of information and suggestions, useful for guiding us in the future. Members are urgently invited to send us their Comments and suggestions on the IABSE PROCEEDINGS P-134/89.

Without awaiting the results of a final Plan – which in fact will never be final as it will need regular reviewing – one among the many ideas considered for future activities will be implemented in 1989: the **Short Course**. To even better benefit from the human resources available at the time of a conference, and to offer an opportunity to some IABSE members – who are not yet familiar with the conference theme – to get a basic understanding for the subject, two «pilot short courses» will be organized before the Symposium in Lisbon and the Workshop in Bergamo (refer also to pages 4 and 5 of this Bulletin). The experiences gained on these occasions will show us a possible way to better serve the membership and the profession.

Inter-association co-operation seems to receive more attention. A sign in this direction is the appreciative co-sponsorship of CEB (Comité Euro-International du Béton), ECCS (European Convention for Constructional Steelwork), FIP (Fédération Internationale de la Précontrainte), IASS (International Association for Shell and Spatial Structures) for the next IABSE Symposium in Lisbon on «Durability of Structures».

Professor Lacroix, Honorary President of FIP and of the «Association Française pour la Construction» has asked in his article in the last Bulletin (B-47/88), if the big civil engineering associations were getting closer. He was concluding that «all that is needed is a little goodwill shared by all parties concerned». Prof. Lacroix has proven through his very own initiative that his proposal can be turned into reality: the «Association Française pour la Construction» is a conglomerate of the French members of the former CEB, FIP and IABSE groups in France.

The goodwill for closer co-operation seems to reawaken in 1989. We should not miss this chance! Members are solicited from various international associations on similar subjects: they have expressed clearly that their time and money cannot be spent two, three or more times on the same subject/event/committee/etc. Their statement is an evident indication for us to turn the nineties into the years of a much closer co-operation.

*Alain Golay
Executive Director*