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## IABSE Symposium 1983 VENICE

### Welcome from the President of the Italian Group of the IABSE

Just like a human being, every structure comes into the world, lives for a certain time and, in the end, dies more or less quickly, even after having in some cases supported exceptional events.

The main objective of the Symposium in Venice, September 29 and 30, 1983 is to spread the knowledge of the advanced techniques which are currently available for performing the diagnosis and, if necessary, the strengthening of all kinds of civil engineering structures. Particular attention will be focused on buildings and historical monuments which have been damaged by age, by exceptional actions such as earthquakes, settlement, fire, etc., or perhaps by an initially incorrect design.

Eminent engineers from all over the world have been selected to present papers at the four technical sessions. These will be followed by prepared and free discussions conducted by distinguished engineers.

I would like to extend a most friendly invitation to the members and to those interested in the strengthening of building structures to visit Venice and to attend this Symposium.

I am sure that all the participants will have a great deal of interest not only in the topics discussed during the sessions, but also in Venice, which is unique and world renown for its exceptional sights.

**Prof. G. Oberti**  
*President of the Italian Group, IABSE*

The 1983 Symposium of IABSE will be held in Venice on September 29 and 30. The topic will be

*"Strengthening of Building Structures —  
Diagnosis and Therapy"*

It has been a tradition to devote a booklet of IABSE STRUCTURES to the symposium's host country.

A selection of structures submitted by the Italian members of IABSE has been made. One of the criteria for publication is the **recent** completion of

the structure. Some very interesting articles concerning structures completed 3 or 4 years ago could not therefore be published. It is also worth noting that only articles about steel structures have been published in this booklet. We are quite convinced however that some outstanding reinforced or pre-stressed concrete structures have also been completed recently in Italy. Needless to say, we would have been delighted to report on them also.

**A. Golay**  
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