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## **Preface**

The Short Course was organized in September 1990, prior to the IABSE Symposium in Brussels on «Mixed Structures, including New Materials». Its objective was to teach the practitioner, basics and recent important developments achieved in the field of behaviour and design of composite elements and structures. The course was also intended as an introduction to the guidelines and design rules applied in the preparation of the drafts of Eurocode 4.

Based on the interest shown for the Short Course, i.e. the extra number of applications, IABSE decided to make the Notes available to a much wider public than the 64 participants.

The present Notes of the Short Course will be particularly helpful to those having a basic background but interested – through individual study – in increasing their knowledge in the design of composite steel concrete elements and structures. The Notes illustrate the development in composite construction, whilst numerical examples will benefit the designer. However these Notes are not an Introductory Course on Eurocode 4, their educational value remaining valid even after the publication of Eurocode 4, as a Euronorm, after 1992.

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