



# 8th World Congress on Joints, Bearings and Seismic Systems for Concrete Structures

## 1st Announcement and Call for Papers

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**THE IJBC HAS ISSUED A CALL FOR PAPERS** for the Eighth World Congress on Joints, Bearings and Seismic Systems for Concrete Structures being held in **Atlanta, Georgia, USA on September 25-29, 2016 at THE ATLANTA MARRIOTT BUCKHEAD HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER**

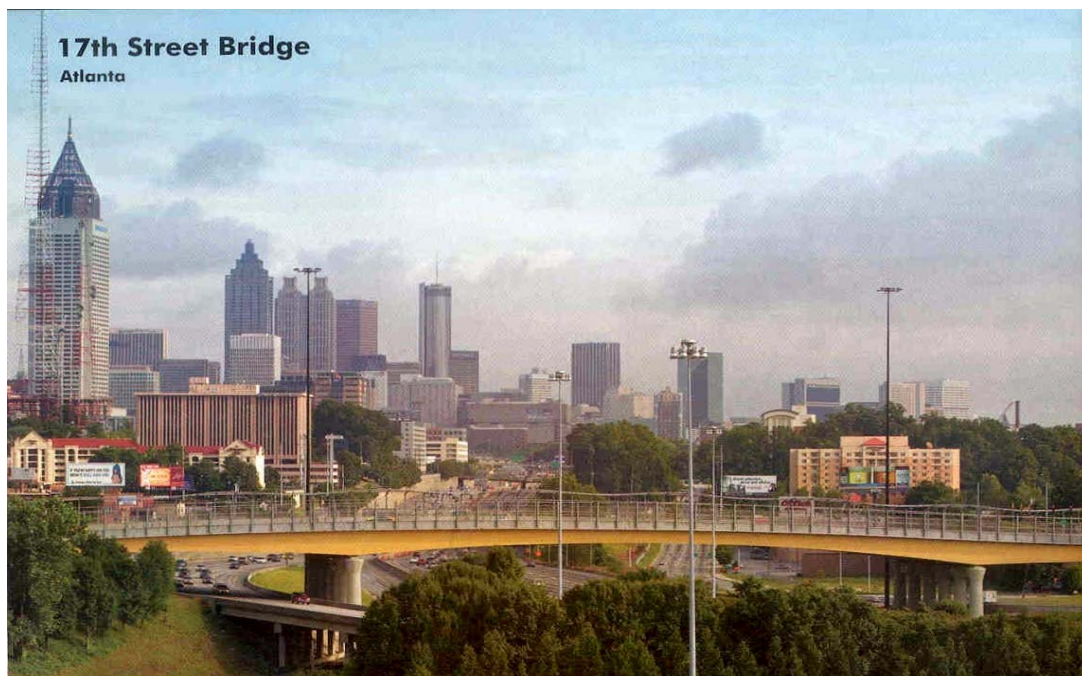
**Solicited:** Papers are sought for presentation at the conference and inclusion in the proceedings on all topics related to Expansion Joints, Bearings and Seismic Systems including methods for measuring and predicting structural movements; properties and test procedures; movement, rotation and load capacity and case studies. The list is not intended to be restrictive and all papers related to the subject matter will be considered.

**Requirements:** Potential papers will be selected on the basis of a peer review of a 200 word abstract before authors are invited to submit the full paper for acceptance review. The abstract and papers shall be submitted in MS Word or PDF Format in accordance with ACI Standard Procedures. The full name and email addresses of all authors must be included.

**Deadline: Abstracts by September 1, 2015**

**Submit to: Email: [ijbc@rjwatson.com](mailto:ijbc@rjwatson.com)**

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## BACKGROUND OF THE CONGRESS

Since the 1st World Congress on Joints and Bearings was held in 1981 at Niagara Falls, NY, congresses have been held every five years. At the 2nd World Congress held in San Antonio, Texas, in 1986 the International Joints and Bearings Research Council (IJBRC) was formed with one of its responsibilities being the planning and organizing of subsequent congresses. Congresses in Toronto, Sacramento, Rome, Halifax and Las Vegas have continued the purpose of bringing together manufacturers, suppliers, installers, researchers, designers and owners to discuss and consider the state-of-the-art in the design and use of expansion joints and bearings. The increased interest in base isolation and modifications in the design of expansion joints and bearings to accommodate seismic movements and forces led to the name of the congress to be changed to *World Congress on Joints, Bearings and Seismic Systems for Concrete Structures*.

The proceedings for all of the Congresses have been published and are available for purchase from the IJBRC.

The 8th World Congress on Joints, Bearings and Seismic Systems will be held in **Atlanta, Georgia at the Marriott Buckhead Hotel and Conference Center on September 25-29, 2016**

The Congress will feature technical presentations on the subject with electronically printed proceedings presented to each attendee. The 4-day conference will include: keynote and invited speakers; presentation of offered papers; a technical luncheon and banquet; and technical exhibits.

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## REGISTRATION

A registration website will be set up and available on or before May 1, 2016. Watch the [www.ijbrc.org](http://www.ijbrc.org) website for a link.

## EXHIBITOR INFORMATION

Exhibitor information will be available on the registration website that will be set up and available on or before May 1, 2016. Watch the [www.IJBRC.org](http://www.IJBRC.org) website for a link.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

A block of rooms is being held at the Atlanta Marriott Buckhead Hotel. Reservation information will be available on the registration website that will be set up and available on or before May 1, 2016. Watch the [www.IJBRC.org](http://www.IJBRC.org) website for a link. It is very important to identify yourself as a delegate to the 8th World Congress on Joints, Bearings and Seismic Systems for Concrete Structures when making reservations. A special rate has been arranged and the organizing committee has guaranteed minimum number of rooms.

The Atlanta Marriott Buckhead Hotel and Conference Center is located 5 miles north of downtown Atlanta in the vibrant neighborhood of Buckhead. Buckhead is famous for its gourmet restaurants, upscale shopping and night life all within walking distance to the hotel.

