

The Structural Engineering Society of New Zealand presents



# CONFERENCE 2017

Securing the Future

FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



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### PURPOSE

SESOC is pleased to host another high quality conference of interest to structural engineers and like-minded people. This is the fourth New Zealand conference hosted by SESOC and follows our successful hosting of ASEC 2014.

In line with our theme, Securing the Future, you will have the opportunity to learn from, and share knowledge with leading practitioners in the field of structural engineering in New Zealand and from overseas.

The conference will provide an environment for you to meet your fellow colleagues and in which to facilitate some stimulating debate. The conference will be of interest to experienced and graduate engineers alike, with several streams of papers running concurrently so as to provide choice and variety.

This conference will bring together professionals from a broad range of disciplines, including architecture, structural engineering, geotechnical engineering, business, public policy, emergency response planning and regulation.

### VENUE



SESOC 2017 will be held in New Zealand's capital city, Wellington. Wellington's newest waterfront venue, TSB Bank Auditorium - Shed 6, has been transformed from an old Harbour Board shed into a truly versatile event space, within easy walking distance of the capital's central business and downtown hotel district. Shed 6 is a wonderful venue, providing multi-functional use and allowing streaming of papers.



Wellington is set around an attractive waterfront, and you will be hard pressed to find a city in the world that's easier to get around. Wellington enjoys more cafes, bars and restaurants per capita than New York City, and its coffee and craft beer producers are internationally recognised. A creative, cosmopolitan city, Wellington combines the sophistication of a capital with the warmth and personality of a village.

## Wellington 2017

THE HARBOUR IS AN IRONING BOARD  
 FLAT IRON TUGS DASH SMOOTHING TOWARDS  
 ANY SHIRT OF A SHIP ANY PULLON SLIP  
 OF A FREIGHTER THEY DECREE  
 MUST BE IRONED FLAT AS WASHING FROM THE SEA

## SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Authors must submit abstracts and papers online. Additional detailed instructions will soon be available at the conference website [www.sesoc2017.org.nz](http://www.sesoc2017.org.nz). The deadline for submission of abstracts is **17 October 2016**.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

- World standard research and interpretation or techniques
- Clarity of concepts
- Objectivity
- Organisation of ideas
- Significance of the technical material
- Value as an original contribution
- Clarification or extension of existing information or concepts, adequacy, and treatment of the subject
- Freedom from commercialism

## NOTIFICATION OF PROVISIONAL ACCEPTANCE

Authors will receive email notification of provisional acceptance of their abstracts by **18 November 2016**.

At that stage it will be specified whether authors are to present a poster or a paper. Format requirements for submission of full papers or posters (as relevant) will accompany the notification. Posters will be presented in a dedicated Poster session. All presenters will be advised of the relevant day and time closer to the event.

## SUBMISSION OF PAPERS FOR REVIEW

Final papers and posters must be received by **24 April 2017**. Final papers and posters will be reviewed using the same criteria as for abstracts. However, the papers and posters will also be reviewed for relevance to the topic for which they are proposed.

## NOTIFICATION OF FINAL ACCEPTANCE

Authors will receive review comments and confirmation of acceptance of their papers/posters by **31 July 2017**. Final revised papers will be due by **28 August 2017**.

## TECHNICAL PROGRAMME TOPIC AREAS

The main technical topic areas are

- Structural resilience
- Existing structures
- Research and education
- The business of structural engineering
- Opportunities from a changing environment
- Special structures

The web site will soon have more complete information with sub categories under the main topics to facilitate the development of relevant sessions.

## SPECIAL SESSIONS

The conference will include a small number of Special Sessions. Special sessions are expected to include workshops on topical issues.

## INVITED SPEAKERS

The conference committee will be including invited speakers to ensure the technical content is of a high standard.

## TRADE SUPPLIERS

There will be limited opportunities for trade suppliers from New Zealand to be involved with the conference, which is targeted specifically at the structural engineering profession.

- Space is available for trade exhibits at Shed 6 for the duration of the conference.
- We are seeking trade suppliers who are interested in sponsoring various elements of the conference.
- Advertising opportunities are limited also; space will be available in the day-sheet/programme handed to delegates.
- Interested companies should contact : Stewart Hobbs, [stewart@proconsult.co.nz](mailto:stewart@proconsult.co.nz) with proposals and expressions of interest. A schedule of available sponsorship opportunities can be found on the website.

## KEY DATES

• Due Date for all session and abstract proposals:	<b>17 October 2016</b>
• Notification of Acceptance or Rejection	<b>18 November 2016</b>
• Paper submission date	<b>24 April 2017</b>
• Revert to authors with Editors' recommendations	<b>31 July 2017</b>
• Due Date for finalised papers for uploading	<b>28 August 2017</b> <small>(no extensions will be granted)</small>
• Audio Visual presentations final submission date	<b>22 September 2017</b>

## RESPONSE FORM

Information regarding registration, fees, accommodations, exhibits, guest and keynote speakers, advertising opportunities, social events, guest programmes and field trips will be included in subsequent announcements. To ensure that you will receive all future information and announcements regarding the conference please fill out the form posted on the conference website: [www.sesoc2017.org.nz](http://www.sesoc2017.org.nz)

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