

Creative Construction Conference 2014, CC2014

Preface



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Creation is an inspiring endeavor. This is especially true when one creates objects of a size that only a few people can. Cathedrals or skyscrapers, bridges or aqueducts, highways or dams are not only fascinating due to their size but also because they greatly affect the lives of all people in their proximity – for decades or even centuries. The act of Construction is an act of true creation.

Growing demand for a “better” built environment – even though the meaning of “better” is often hard to define in this context – requires increasing levels of diverse knowledge. As time progresses, it is getting harder to live up to the ever growing societal expectations: trains begin to compete with the speed of airplanes, buildings are often expected to produce rather than to consume energy, and in the not-so-distant future we will build settlements in outer space, most likely with advanced robotics.

The Creative Construction Conferences are organized to provide an annual forum for ambitious researchers and practitioners from around the world who have realized that the construction industry is rapidly changing and who accept that building materials, construction technologies, and project management will quickly and creatively evolve in the future.

Creative Construction Conference 2014 (CCC 214) was held on 21 – 24 June 2014 in Prague, taking advantage of this charming and vibrant Central European city, home to leading international construction firms and leading academic institutions.

Academics from 34 countries and all continents attended CCC 2014 organized across six tracks:

- Creative management
- Creative construction technologies and materials
- Advanced automation and robotics for construction
- Creative scheduling
- Sustainable construction, health and safety
- Recent advances in Building Information Modeling, visualization and virtual reality.

Original papers have been published in the CCC 2014 proceedings, and selected and extended versions of those papers are now being published in this issue of Procedia Engineering.

We are grateful to all the authors, speakers, poster presenters, members of the International Advisory Board, of the organizing and scientific committees, reviewers, and to the session chairs for contributing to the success of CC2014. Their contribution helped us become the largest construction engineering and management conference in Europe.

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