



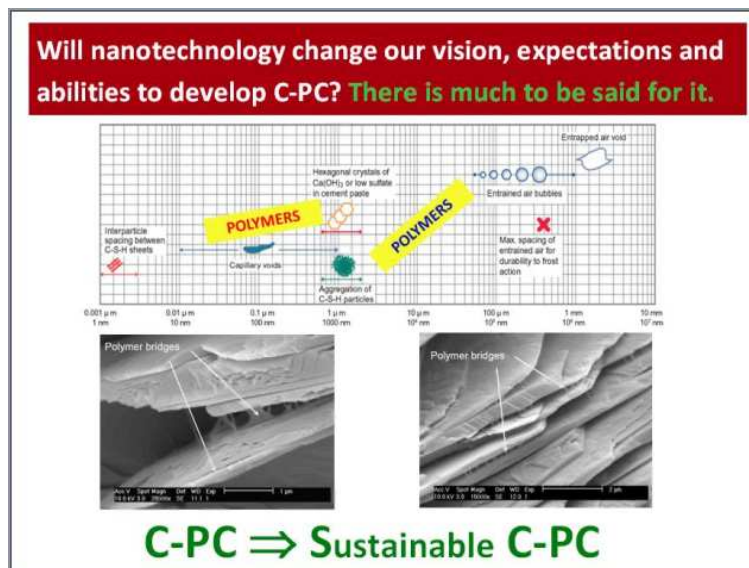
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President

Dear Members of the ICPIC Board,

Dear All,

first of all – the best wishes – only happy days in 2011. The end/start of year is always opportunity for the reflection. The year 2010 has been started with the big event - the 13th International Congress in Polymers in Concrete at Madeira Island. The Congress was great, the participants expressed the sincerely appreciations long time after that. It is good reason to send again our words of acknowledgment to **Professor Jose Barroso Aguiar** and his group, his coworkers. During the Congress has happen lots of good things. Among others the list of the Owen Nutt Award winner has been enriched of two famous names: **Professor Makoto Kawakami** and **Professor Kyu-Seok Yeon**; lecture of our senior-member **Dr Richard Prusinsky** has been spontaneously awarded by the Congress auditorium. The Congress professional contribution was appearing of significant and of great value. The 13 ICPIC final icon:



is not only the symbol of synergy on the nano/micro-level, but also between researches: the illustration of microstructure on the left belongs to **D. Van Gemert and E. Knapen**, and on the right to **L. Czarnecki and H. Shorn**. Undoubtedly it is also the compass reading for further C-PC development and our community cooperation.



INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON POLYMERS IN CONCRETE

During the last days of 2010 the special issue (No 4/5 2010) of the International Journal Restoration of Building and Monuments has been published. The 200 printed papers on the C-PC have been published. Deep appreciation must be expressed to *prof. Folker Wittmann* for his courtesy and valuable help in preparing the manuscripts for publication in the International Journal for Restoration of Buildings and Monuments . It also difficult to overestimate the professional assistance of *Dipl-Ing. Heidi Haberstroh* from Aedificatio Verlag. The Special Congress Committee consisted of: *prof. J. B. Aguiar, prof. L. Czarnecki, prof. D. Fowler, prof. Y. Ohama, prof. F. H. Wittman*, under the chairmanship of *prof. D. Van Gemert* has selected the top papers to be publish.

In the beginning of 2011 the key Engineering Materials Journal will occur as special volume entitled is Polymer in Concrete (vol. 466/2011). It is the magnificent output of or Congress. The editorial duty in both Journals belongs to prof. J. B. Aguiar and prof. L. Czarnecki however the appreciation should be addressed to the all Congress Authors – they created the professional level. Let me express the believing that the future in front of C-PC and in front of ICPIC community is bright. One of our important short distance task is to make the ICPIC website alive. The next will organization the regional ASPIC/ESPIC symposium The 14 ICPIC will be done – by our decision – in 2013 in Shanghai, Tongji University. However, the preparation should start much earlier. It is sorry to say, that *Professor Zhiyan Chen* will be not with us during those days. *Professor Zhiyan Chen* pass away Dec 5, 2010, at the age 79 – the great, virtuous Person of our community. It is the great grief and regret to all of us.

As you can read the life bring us the achievements; successes and sorrow as well. It is all from me.

Kind regards
Lech Czarnecki
President of ICPIC