

SOCIAL PROGRAM AND LODGING

The social program includes one reception, one dinner and three lunches. A list of recommended hotels and their rates will be included in the second announcement. A program for accompanying persons will be provided also in the second announcement. A social one-day extension to the Douro Valley (UNESCO world heritage site) will be planned as a post-conference tour.

GUIMARÃES AND PORTO

In the neighborhood of Guimaraes, one finds the Geres national park with rocky mountains, cascades, lakes and abundant wildlife, and also the famous Douro river valley, where the Port wine grapes are grown. Only 30 minutes away, lies the city of Porto (Oporto in the English language), with its international airport, featuring impressive architecture on the banks of the Douro River, the famous bridges and the Port wine cellars. Guimaraes and Porto are within the top 10 world destinations for Lonely Planet in 2012. Guimaraes also appears in the top destinations from the New York Times and Wallpaper Magazine.

Guimarães is a UNESCO World Heritage city, the “cradle” of Portugal and the residence of the first King. The city, founded in 1128, is famous for its architectural heritage, food, popular traditions and handcrafts. The conference facilities in Guimarães are excellent and housing for the participants can be found in the city, at very reasonable prices.

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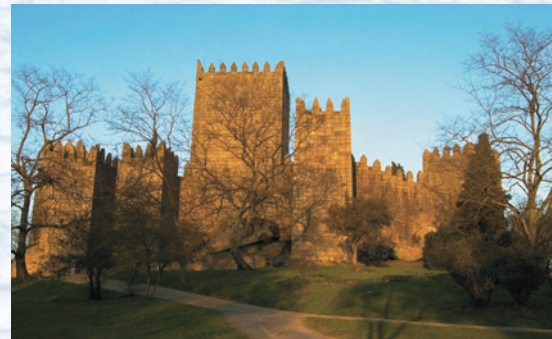
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MOTIVATION

The First International Masonry Conference was organized by the British Masonry Society and held in November 1986 in London in order to exchange experiences, meaning and needs of masonry and its constituents in the UK, Europe and the whole world. This Conference series, now organized by the International Masonry Society, has become one of the most important international events in the masonry world and it takes place every four years.

Most historic buildings are invariably built of masonry, a material as old as the Civilization and with a 10,000 years record of success and lasting qualities. The future is limited only by the designer, constructor or industry

inability to consider a masonry perspective on a building challenge. The conference is open to professional architects and engineers, building officials, educators, researchers, students, masonry industry and masonry construction professionals, and everyone else interested in the art and science of masonry. The objective is to make the conference the best forum for dissemination of the latest scientific and technical developments and for exchange of new ideas in emerging topics.

TOPICS

The main topics of the conference include:

- Innovation and sustainability of masonry
- New construction techniques/technologies
- Quality assurance
- Architecture with masonry
- Prefabrication of masonry
- Analysis of masonry structures
- Masonry materials and testing
- New developments in design/verification
- Earthquake resistance and retrofitting
- Reliability and performance
- Masonry and building physics
- Codes and standards
- Fire resistance
- Training and education in masonry
- Conservation of historic buildings
- Earthen construction
- Repair and strengthening
- Case studies

KEY DATES

Deadline for abstracts	June 30, 2013
Acceptance for abstracts	September 15, 2013
Deadline for full papers	December 31, 2013
Deadline for revised papers	March 31, 2014

TECHNICAL PROGRAM

The Conference will be organized with plenary sessions with invited speakers and parallel sessions of selected papers arranged according to the relevant topics. A book of abstracts and the electronic version of the proceedings will be distributed to all participants. If a company or organization has an interest in masonry, a variety of opportunities for sponsorships or exhibitions is available. Please contact the organizers for further details.