



ICMA *International Cement Microscopy Association*

## FINAL ANNOUNCEMENT

**THIRTY FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CEMENT MICROSCOPY**  
**SPONSORED & ORGANIZED BY INTERNATIONAL CEMENT MICROSCOPY ASSOCIATION (ICMA)**  
**The Embassy Suites Hotel-O'Hare, Rosemont, Illinois, 60028, U.S.A.**  
**April 28 – May 1, 2013**

Join us for our 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference as ICMA goes to Chicagoland at the Embassy Suites Hotel-O'Hare, Rosemont, Illinois, U.S.A., suburb of the great City of Chicago. The hotel is located near the famous O'Hare International Airport which is one of the biggest and busiest airports in the world. Chicago is a world-class city of unsurpassed beauty, attracting visitors from the nation and the world. We have a great line up of speakers with interesting papers that are good blend of practical applications, new techniques and latest research efforts in the field of microscopic evaluation of portland cement and related materials. This year we have an interesting panel discussion entitled "**Application of Microscopy in Relation to Energy Consumption in Cement Plants.**" We strongly encourage attendance of all cement-plant personnel. The full preliminary program will be posted at <http://www.cemmicro.org>.

A combined **Tour** to the famous landmarks and architectural buildings of the City of Chicago such as the John Hancock Tower, Water Tower Place, Willis Tower (formerly Sears Tower – one of the tallest freestanding structure in the entire world) and **Tour** to Portland Cement Association (PCA) & CTL Facilities in Skokie, Illinois is included in the program. Do not miss this lifetime opportunity to see the world famous 'Skyline of Chicago by Lake Michigan.' Highlights of the Tour of Chicago is found at the end of this announcement.

### **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

Attendance at all sessions will be for registered attendees only. Pre-registration for the conference must be completed by **March 15, 2013**. The pre-registration fee will be \$450 (US\$). Speakers pre-registration fee will be \$300 (US\$). Registration at the conference will be available at \$550 (US\$). If you are a speaker, pre-registration offers a significant savings and is strongly encouraged. This year, ICMA will be processing registration on-line posted in the ICMA website ([www.cemmicro.org](http://www.cemmicro.org)).

### **HOTEL REGISTRATION**

Chicago is a very popular place to visit and so we expect our 'rooms block' to fill early. You are encouraged to make your reservation early to insure obtaining a room. ICMA has blocked a limited number of rooms for our conference. **You must make reservations directly with**



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**the hotel to insure having a room during the conference.** Hotel reservations must be made prior to **April 9, 2013** to guarantee a room at the ICMA conference rate (\$149 single/double). A reservation received by the hotel after the cut-off date will be on a space available basis and at the hotel's best available rate at the time the reservation is received. The hotel reservation telephone number is 1-847-678-400 (Fax No.: 1-847-928-7659). If contacting the hotel directly by phone/fax/or mail, be sure to state that you are with the "International Cement Microscopy 2013 Annual Meeting" to get the ICMA conference rate. Information in booking directly with the hotel is in the ICMA website ([www.cemmicro.org](http://www.cemmicro.org)).

### **SPOUSE/GUEST PROGRAM**

ICMA will be organizing a spouse/guest program for the 35<sup>th</sup> ICMA Conference and details will be posted/shared as registration progresses. The Spouse/Guest Committee will prepare a list of interesting sites to tour/visit the great City of Chicago and Suburbs. Chicago has world-class museums such as the Field Museum, Arts Institute, Museum of Science & Industry, Adler Planetarium, Shedd Aquarium and Frank Lloyd Wright Homes. Chicago is the home to the Blues, top sports teams (Bears, Bulls, Cubs, White Sox, Blackhawks) and famous landmarks of modern American Architecture. Some of the tours need advance bookings and so it is imperative to know in advance the number of guests that are interested to avail of the tours. Please identify in your registration if a spouse or guest(s) will accompany you and more information will be posted in the website. See you in CHICAGO – Gateway to the Great Midwest, USA!

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR TO CHICAGO**

Chicago is a world class city of unsurpassed beauty. Located in the heart of the Midwest's Great Lakes region, Chicago sits on the banks of Lake Michigan, the fifth-largest body of fresh water in the world. Enjoy a guided tour that will encompass Museum Campus, (home to Adler Planetarium), Field Museum, Hyde Park, time permitting, ((home of President Obama) Shedd Aquarium and Soldier field. A stop will be made to take in the breathtaking beauty of the Chicago skyline. Enjoy the magnificent buildings of The Loop district as well as the Merchandise Mart. The tour takes you along the "Magnificent Mile," home to some of the world's renowned designers. Your guide will point out other significant points of interest such as Buckingham Fountain, Millenium Park, The Art Institute of Chicago, Trump Tower, John Hancock Center, and the Willis Tower (formerly Sears tower). Visit the historic site where the Great Chicago Fire started in 1871 and hear how Chicago rose from the ashes to architectural acclaim.