



2013 ICMA CONFERENCE SUCCESSFULLY HELD IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, USA

ICMA successfully held its 35th Annual Conference at the Embassy Suites – Rosemont/O’Hare in Chicago, Illinois, USA on April 28 – May 1, 2013. There was an excellent program summarized as follows:

- ♦ **Sunday, April 28, 2013** – An afternoon registration was held and was followed by a Wine & Cheese Reception hosted by ICMA and Past Committee Officers.
- ♦ **Monday, April 29, 2013** - Start of the conference with welcome address by Arturo Nisperos, ICMA General Chairman, and brief remarks by Greg Scott, President of the Portland Cement Association (PCA). The program introduction was made by the Program Committee Chairman, Lou Jany, and the presentation of technical papers by expert authors from all over the world ensued. That afternoon, we had a Tour of the CTL Facilities in Skokie, Illinois, and a bus tour to Famous Landmarks and Architectural Buildings of the City of Chicago.
- ♦ **Tuesday, April 30, 2013** – Exhibitors (Peter Laugesen of Pelcon, Arkady Buman of Bruker, and Harald Van Weeren of PANalytical) were welcomed by Stella Marusin, Exhibitors Chairman. The afternoon panel discussion on “Application of Microscopy in Relation to Energy Consumption in Cement Plants” was coordinated by Dr. Donald H. Campbell. Panelists included Pat Arnold of Lafarge (Joppa, Illinois), Kevin Hanna of TXI (Midlothian, Texas), and Pieter du Toit of Lafarge (Vienna, Austria).
- ♦ **Wednesday, May 1, 2013** – Continuation of the presentations of excellent papers on cement and concrete microscopy was followed by the ICMA hosted reception. The General Chairman, Arturo Nisperos gave a memento of a limestone slab with a metal Chicago skyline business card holder as a token of gratitude to the Authors/Speakers, Exhibitors, and ICMA Officers and Guest Committee.

Meanwhile, the Spouse & Guests Committee chaired by Lourdes M. Nisperos and co-chaired by Karen Campbell and Maria Poellmann had successfully organized programs and tours of Chicago for the accompanying spouses & guests.

If you did not attend this great meeting in Chicago, Illinois, you missed a great conference.

At our 35th Annual Conference, ICMA continued its emphasis on technical papers that addressed the cutting edge research in cement and concrete and workshops dealing with the microscopy of clinker, cement, and concrete. A CD is available of the 35th Proceedings for \$50. Mail charges of \$5 for domestic mailing or \$10 for international mailing will be added to the purchase price. Contact ICMA (Bill Carruthers) to order (see www.cemmicro.org).