



ICMA *International Cement Microscopy Association*

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2014 CONFERENCE PLANS

Join us for our 36th Annual Conference as ICMA goes to MILAN, ITALY!

ICMA will hold its 36th Conference in the beautiful City of Milan, Italy – the fashion capital of the world and the economic capital for Italians. It is also the capital of Lombardy and the second-largest city in Italy. Milan is the home to Teatro Alla Scala, Europe's Premier Opera House and 'Duomo' which is the third largest Gothic Cathedral in the world. The 'Castello Sforzeco in Milan, is an ancient fortress built in 1368, which later became a noble renaissance abode. Milan is full of mystical monuments, palaces, etc., that must be visited when you are looking for an exotic place to visit in Europe. Milan has a strong provincial cuisine – the *Risotto*, which is the major food course of the city as compared to *Pasta* in the other Italian cities. Milan is the only city in Europe whose football teams have won both the European Cup and the Intercontinental Cup. Both the teams play at Giuseppe Meazza – San Siro Stadium. Please plan to attend our 36th ICMA conference and experience all the excitements and features that the City of Milan will offer to the attendees.

The 2014 ICMA Conference will be co-sponsored by **MAPEI, S.p.A.**, a worldwide producer of building materials (adhesives, thinsets, sealants, mortars, etc.) with its International Headquarter in Milan, Italy. The meeting venues will be in one of the best conference centers and hotels in Milan, Italy (venues to be announced later) scheduled on **April 14 to 17, 2014**. Plans are underway to include papers that are good blend of practical applications, new techniques and novel approaches and the latest research efforts in the field of microscopic evaluation of portland cement and related materials. The Spouse and Guest Committee will also plan programs & tours to the many beautiful and interesting sites of Milan, Italy for the spouses and guests accompanying the attendees.

In order for ICMA to have the proceedings available at the conference, we have to start planning the 2014 program early. The Official '**CALL FOR PAPERS**' is available on the ICMA website (www.cemmicro.org). We would like to encourage you to share your work and experiences with us by presenting paper(s) at the 2014 conference. We eagerly welcome presentations on all aspects of cement and concrete microscopy.

Your participation is what makes the ICMA conference one of the best cement and concrete technology conferences.