

Aims and Scope

The new IBRACON Materials Journal is a technical and scientific divulgation vehicle of IBRACON (Brazilian Concrete Institute). Each issue of the periodical will have 5 to 8 papers and, possibly, a technical note and a technical discussion of a previously published paper. All contributions will be reviewed and approved by the Board of Reviewers.

Objectives

The IBRACON Materials Journal has as main objectives:

- Present the current developments and advances in the area of structural concrete;
- Make possible the better understanding of structural concrete behavior, supplying subsidies for a continuous interaction among researchers, producers and users;
- Stimulate the development of scientific and technological research in the area of structural concrete, through papers peer-reviewed by a qualified Editorial Board;
- Promote the interaction among researchers, constructors and users of concrete and the development of Civil Construction;
- Provide a vehicle of communication of high technical level for researchers and designers in the area of structural concrete.

Submission Procedure

The procedure to submit and revise the contributions, as well as the formats, will be detailed on IBRACON's WebSite (www.ibracon.org.br). The papers and the technical notes will be revised by at least three reviewers indicated by the editors. The discussions and replies will be accepted for publication after a revision by the editors and at least one member of the Editorial Board. In case of disagreement between the reviewer and the authors, the contribution will be sent to a specialist in the area, not necessarily linked to the Periodical Board.

For each non-member author of a submitted paper a submission fee will be charged. This fee will not be refunded, if the paper comes to be rejected. Initially this fee is established to be US\$10,00 (ten dollars) or R\$ 30,00 (Thirty Reais).

Contribution Types

The periodical will publish original papers, short technical notes and paper discussions. Announcements of conferences and meetings, information about book reviews, events and contributions related to the area will also be available in the periodical WebSite. All contributions will be revised and only published after the Editorial and Reviewers Boards approve the paper. Restrictions of content and space (size) are imposed to the papers. The contributions will be accepted for revision in Portuguese, Spanish or English. The abstracts are strongly recommended to be presented in Portuguese, or Spanish, and in English, independent of the language, in which the paper is written. Preference is given to contributions in English. After the process of review and translation the papers originally written in Portuguese or Spanish will also be published in English.

Original papers will be accepted as long as they are in accordance with the objectives of the periodical and present quality of information and presentation. The instructions to submit a paper are detailed in the template (available on IBRACON's WebSite). The length of the papers must not exceed 20 pages.

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works and products under development. The instructions to submit a technical note are detailed on IBRACON's WebSite.

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