

Statutes of the International Brick and Block Masonry Conference (IB²MaC).

Clause 1

The aim of the IB²MaC is to interchange knowledge and experiences in the field of masonry among researchers, designers, manufacturers, contractors and builders from all over the world. The word masonry includes architectural, mechanical and physical aspects as well as historic masonry, the production of materials and the execution of masonry structures.

Clause 2

The IB²MaC will be organized every four years.

Clause 3

The venue of the next IB²MaC will be selected by the members of the selection committee. Preferably the conference should be organized alternatively in another continent of the world.

Clause 4

The selection committee consists of 7 members. These members are the organizers of the last 4 IB²MaCs who are still active in masonry and the chairmen of the last North American Masonry Conference, the Canadian Masonry Symposium and the International Masonry Conference (UK). The chairman of the selection committee is the organizer of the current IB²MaC.

The selection committee will meet at every IB²MaC on invitation of the chairman, preferably during lunch on the second day.

If some former organizers cannot attend the meeting, he or his institute has to appoint a substitute in order to reach the number of 7 members. The substitutes should have some experience in organizing conferences. All decisions are taken by voting. A decision is accepted if the majority of the members vote in favour.

The address and contact information of the new chairman should be disseminated to all attendees of the last conference. Preferably this should be done on the last day of the conference.

The members of the selection committee will get no indemnification.

Clause 5

Proposals for the organization of the next IB²MaC should be submitted to the chairman of the selection committee at latest the morning of the first day of the current conference. A proposal will be considered if it contains at least the following information:

- name of the organizer(s) and the name of the chairman;
- institute;

- information about the city where the conference should be held (venue);
- recommendation letter from governments, institutions and industry;
- curriculum vitae of the organizer(s) (experiences in the field of masonry research and/or technical commissions).
- An approximate indication of the likely costs of conference registration and accommodation.

Clause 6

The conference should be organized

- as a venue for papers from all countries
- as a means to attract local attendees
- to provide information on the use of masonry in the host country and city
- to provide time for social activities

The logo of each IB²MaC should symbolize masonry and the international character of the conference.

Clause 7

The following time schedule should be used in organizing the IB²MaC:

- The call for papers should be sent at latest 2 years before the opening of the conference. This call for papers should contain all information concerning the submission of the abstracts and a time schedule for the submission of the final papers.
- The first announcement should be sent at latest one year before the opening of the conference.
- The final announcement should be sent at latest 3 months before the opening of the conference.
- The conference should take place during 3 days.

Clause 8

The information and experience available from former IB²MaC s should be transmitted to the new organizer of the next conference. For this reason every organizer should make two databases with addresses of all attendees of the former conferences. The first database contains the international participants and the second one contains the local attendees.

Moreover, a checklist for the budget control and another checklist with practical organizational aspects should be made as basic information for every new organizer.

The organizer has to update and publish the list of the former IB²MaCs. This list should contain the following information:

- The year of the conference
- The venue
- The name of the organizer


Clause 9

The statutes of the IB²MaC can only be changed by the members of the selection committee. For changing the statutes at least 5 of the 7 members should be in favour of the change.

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The selection committee

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