

BY-LAWS
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FRACTURE MECHANICS
FOR CONCRETE AND CONCRETE STRUCTURES (IA-FraMCoS)

1 OBJECTIVES

The main objectives for which the Association is constituted is to foster and promote within the scientific and engineering community a better understanding of the theory and application of fracture mechanics to concrete and concrete structures, and related subjects. For this purpose the Association will arrange at regular intervals of several years, typically three years (henceforth called the INTERVAL), international conferences (FraMCoS Conferences) addressing all aspects of the theory and application of fracture mechanics to concrete structures. The Association may also:

- a) arrange various meetings of a professional nature at which papers may be discussed or for informal discussions, lectures or the display of audio visual aids for the promotion of all aspects of the theory and application of fracture mechanics to concrete and concrete structures.
- b) arrange and co-ordinate various research, academic and related activities in the general field of the theory and application of fracture mechanics to concrete and concrete structures.
- c) arrange visits of a technical nature.
- d) arrange social functions to promote contact amongst the members.
- e) arrange joint meetings with other bodies.

2 CONSTITUTION

The title of the Association shall be the International Association for Fracture Mechanics for Concrete Structures [later changed to "International Association of Fracture Mechanics for Concrete and Concrete Structures"] (IA -FraMCoS). The Association is registered in the State of Illinois, USA (File Number 5663-449-5).

The By-Laws of the Association and any amendments shall be agreed by not less than two-thirds of the number of members present at a General Meeting.

3 MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all who are active in a professional capacity in all aspects of the theory and application of fracture mechanics to concrete and concrete structures. Application for membership must be submitted in writing. The Board of Directors shall have the power to exclude from membership anybody who has not discharged his professional responsibilities with integrity.

Active Members of FraMCoS who have made important contributions to a research area within the scope of the Association are eligible for election to the grade of Fellow. All FraMCoS Presidents and the President-Elect will automatically become Fellows. Six month before each FraMCoS conference, the Secretary will write to all Fellows to ask for nominations of new Fellows. The CV of nominees will then be solicited. During the Conference, the Board of Directors and Advisory Board will discuss the nominations and up to 5 Fellows will be elected each time. For someone to be elected, a majority vote among those present at the Board Meeting is required. New Fellows will be announced at the General Assembly Meeting of the Conference, when they would also receive an official Certificate from the President.

4 ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

4.1 Headquarters

The Headquarters of the Association shall be located at Evanston in the State of Illinois, USA, unless a change of Headquarters is agreed by the Association.

4.2 General Assembly

The General Assembly consists of all members of the Association. A meeting of the General Assembly will be held at each FraMCoS Conference to:

- a) elect Officers for the next INTERVAL;
- b) elect Members of the Advisory Board for the next two INTERVALS;
- c) consider Reports from Officers;
- d) consider any other related business.

4.3 Board of Directors

There shall be a Board of Directors of the Association consisting of five elected Directors, i.e. the President, the Past President, the President Elect, the Treasurer and the Secretary, to hold

office for such period as the By-Laws for the time being of the Association shall prescribe. The government and control of the Association, its property and affairs shall be vested in the Board of Directors subject to the provisions of the By-Laws.

4.4 Advisory Board

The Advisory Board shall have eight Members representing scientific and geographical interests.

Four of the Members shall be elected by the General Assembly for a term of two INTERVALS; such elections should normally be conducted during a FraMCoS Conference. Two of the elected Members shall normally be replaced at each Conference.

Four of the Members shall be appointed by the Board of Directors to serve for a term of one INTERVAL; such appointments shall normally be declared during the meeting of the General Assembly at each FraMCoS Conference.

4.5 The President

The Board of Directors shall be chaired by the President of the Association elected by the General Assembly for a term of one INTERVAL; such election should normally be conducted during a FraMCoS Conference.

4.6 The Past President

The Board of Directors shall have a Past President of the Association serving for a term of one INTERVAL. The Past President shall be the immediate past president of the Association.

4.7 President-Elect

The Board of Directors shall have a President Elect of the Association elected by the General Assembly and serving for a term of one INTERVAL; such election should normally be conducted during a FraMCoS Conference.

4.8 The Treasurer

The Board of Directors shall have a Treasurer of the Association elected by the General Assembly for a term of one INTERVAL; such election should normally be conducted during a FraMCoS Conference. The Treasurer shall prepare an annual report declaring the financial position of the Association.

4.9 The Secretary

The Board of Directors shall have a Secretary of the Association elected by the General Assembly for a term of one INTERVAL; such election should normally be conducted during a FraMCoS Conference. The Secretary shall prepare minutes of meetings, notices of meetings, Newsletters and membership lists.

4.10 General

The Board of Directors, its officers and Advisory Board shall have such functions, tenure and terms of office as the By-Laws of the Association may prescribe. The President in consultation with the Board shall have the power to fill temporarily casual vacancies in the officers or Directors of the Board and members of the Advisory Board to hold office until the next FraMCoS Conference. In the case where the office of President becomes vacant, the Past President will immediately assume office until a new President is elected by the Board of Directors, to serve for the remaining period of the INTERVAL.

5 FraMCoS CONFERENCE

The President after consultation with the Board of Directors and Advisory Board will appoint a Conference International Scientific Committee and a local Conference Organising Committee. The FraMCoS Conferences shall be organised within the framework of FraMCoS Conference Guidelines accepted by the General Assembly.

At each FraMCoS Conference, paper awards, entitled “IA-FraMCoS Young Researcher Best Paper Award”, will be granted to two researchers under 40 years of age. While the paper may be co-authored with a senior colleague, the young researcher must present the paper at the Conference, as the award is based on the quality of both the written paper and the presentation.

The judging panel will be chaired by the President-Elect, who will appoint additional members (with a minimum of 2 from the Advisory Board) to help him/her conduct the evaluations.

Official Certificates will be given to the winners at the General Assembly or Banquet of the Conference.

6 FINANCE

The FraMCoS Conferences shall be so organised that each will be self financing. The Association will operate a no membership fee policy with its running expenses being provided out of income derived from FraMCoS Conferences and other related activities.

The finances of the Association shall be managed by the Treasurer, subject to the control of the Board of Directors under the general direction of the General Assembly. The accounts of the Association shall be audited annually by two members of the Association, not being Directors of the Board. The auditors shall be elected for a term of one INTERVAL at the meeting of the General Assembly.

The Association is a non-profit making organisation. The members of the Association and the members of the Council and its officers shall have no personal claim on the property of the Association, and no portion of such property shall be paid or transferred to any person who at any time is or has been a member of the Association provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration in return for any services rendered to the Association or the reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses properly incurred.

7 CO-OPERATION AMALGAMATION AND DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association may enter into agreements for the purpose of amalgamating with other kindred bodies or may enter into voluntary dissolution of the Association. Upon dissolution of the Association or the winding up of its affairs, assets of the Association shall be distributed exclusively to scientific, educational or charitable organisations.