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Aim of the Conference
The 7th International Conference on Steel Bridges follows the tradition of previous ECCS symposiums devoted to steel bridges. The aim is to facilitate the meeting of international participants interested in steel bridges and to highlight recent developments in this field.

All major aspects of steel and composite bridges will be addressed. They include the following topics:

- Aesthetics & architecture
- Assessment and evaluation
- Bridge monitoring
- Bridges for high-speed railways
- Design for durability
- Economic steel bridges
- Emerging technologies
- Fabrication & construction
- Field testing
- Health monitoring
- High performance materials
- Landmark bridges
- New technical and material concepts
- Safety and serviceability
- Seismic behaviour
- Service life prediction
- Strengthening and rehabilitation
- The use of Eurocodes

Keynote lectures
Keynote lectures will be dedicated to the design, fabrication, and erection of recent steel bridges.

Technical exhibition
Exhibitors will have the opportunity to disseminate their new products and services related to the themes of the conference.

ECCS Award for Steel Bridges
The conference program will include a ceremony to announce the recipients of the 1st ECCS Award for Steel Bridges. Medals and certificates will be awarded to the engineer, architect and steelwork fabricator responsible for the design and construction of the winning project. The bridge must have been completed and be ready for use after June 2006. Detailed rules and deadlines can be found in website of the conference.

Accommodation
The organizers have arranged block reservations with several hotels offering special prices for the participants to this event.

First Invitation and Call for Papers

www.steelbridges08.com
Venue
The Conference will be held at the Campus of Azurém of the University of Minho in Guimarães, Portugal.

The city of Guimarães is like no other city in Portugal. Its past is so intimately intertwined with the History of Portugal that it is commonly and proudly referred to as the Cradle of the Nation. The Historic Centre of Guimarães has remained basically unchanged since the 15th century and was declared a World Heritage Site in 2001 by UNESCO, due to its Middle Age historical monuments. Guimarães was chosen by the Portuguese government to be the European Capital of Culture in 2012.

Language
The official language of the Conference is English.

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THE CONFERENCE INCLUDES COMMUNICATIONS IN A WIDE RANGE OF TOPICS, KEYNOTE LECTURES, SPECIAL SESSIONS AND A TECHNICAL EXHIBITION.

THE ECCS SPECIAL AWARD TO THE BEST BRIDGE BUILT SINCE JUNE 2006 WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE CONFERENCE.