

INTERNATIONAL PARTNER AGREEMENT FOR TECHNICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATION

This International Partner Agreement (the “Agreement”), signed this 25 April, 2007, by and between its successors or assigns, American Concrete Institute (“ACI”), with headquarters located at 38800 Country Club Drive, Farmington Hills, MI 48331 U.S.A, phone: 1-248-848-3700, represented by your President Thomas Verti, and Instituto Brasileiro do Concreto (“IBRACON”), with headquarters located at rua Julieta do Espírito Santo Pinheiro, nº 68, Jardim Olimpia, São Paulo, SP 05542-120, Brazil, 05542-120, phone 55-11-3735-0202, represented by your President, Prof. Paulo Roberto do Lago Helene, supersedes any existing or previous agreements between the Partners, and had agreed this Agreement between both Institutions in the followed basis.

Objectives

The main objective of this Agreement is to assist the Brazilian and American concrete communities to work together to provide the technology necessary to utilize concrete to its fullest potential. Also the Partners will endeavor to increase collaboration and cooperation in an effort to improve concrete construction by making technical expertise of each Partner available to the other through publications, meetings, conferences, internet links, committee membership, certification activities, and any othe activity as mutually agreed.

Cooperative efforts

The cooperative efforts between the Partners include:

1. Each Partner have the right to promote the Agreement on its letterhead and other materials;
2. Promote jointly-sponsored conferences, seminars or other educational activities between the Partners, with or without financial commitment;
3. IBRACON members are encouraged to join ACI Technical committees and attend to ACI conventions;
4. ACI members are encouraged to join IBRACON Technical Committees and attend to IBRACON Congress;
5. Each Partner’s members may register for the other’s conventions, congress and meetings at member rates;
6. Visits and exchanges of experiences by each Partner’s officers, staff or members to the other’s headquarters or meetings are encouraged;
7. Each Partner provide the other with complimentary subscriptions to all periodicals and magazines;
8. Each Partner will publicize, as agreed upon, the publications, programs and products of the other by request;
9. The Partners may purchase the other’s publications for resale at 40% discount off non-member price;
10. The Partner’s members can purchase publications directly from the Partners at a 20% discount off of the membership rate;

11. IBRACON will explore the possibility of publishing IBRACON proceedings or documents as ACI's International Publication Series, in English;
12. The Partners will provide links to the other's website to make members aware of the Partner's programs and activities;
13. The Partners may develop joint awards for outstanding service to the concrete industry;
14. Neither Partner may use the other's name in a way that would imply endorsement of its technical reports or publications unless the Partners have entered into a separate Memorandum of Understanding to develop the publication jointly;
15. Upon request, ACI will publish proceedings from IBRACON conferences/symposiums in electronic and/or hard copy for distribution by IBRACON in Brazil. The cost for this service will be negotiated by IBRACON and ACI at the appropriate time.

As the Partners have entered into this Agreement to improve concrete construction by making technological expertise available, their authorized representatives hereby sign and commit each Partner to the activities described herein.

This is a non-exclusive agreement to signify the cooperative efforts of the Partners and may be terminated by either party with 30 days written notice.

Atlanta, 25 April, 2007

American Concrete Institute ACI

Instituto Brasileiro do Concreto IBRACON

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