ICPI NEWS

ICPI Foundation Projects Update Members Only Webinar

ICPI will be hosting a free webinar for members and the Commercial Technical Promotion Team, "ICPI Foundation Projects Update," at 1 p.m. EST on Tuesday, June 27. ICPI’s Technical Director, David R. Smith, and Director of Engineering, Robert Bowers, P. Eng., will provide an update on research deliverables, as well as their implications for ICPI’s Commercial Technical Promotion team, the wider industry, and for design professionals. Topics include:

- PICP infiltration and clogging studies
- PICP infiltration performance in low-infiltration clay soil
- Product Category Rules for life cycle assessments and environmental product declarations
- Structural modeling of vehicular loads on paving slabs and planks and full-scale validation

The presentation will conclude with a brief description of current ICPI Foundation Projects:

- Wheelchair compatibility of ICP and PICP surfaces
- Evaluation of a heavily used ICP road
- PICP maintenance and winter performance testing
- PICP life cycle cost analysis tools and case studies
- Pollution reduction of no-infiltration PICP
What's Up with ICPI? Learn Everything You Need to Know about the Institute in 41 Minutes

If you missed last week's ICPI Member Update or if you want to view it again, it is now available on ICPI's YouTube Channel. Click here if you would like to view the recording.

ICPI Has Created Inspector Presentation for ICP and PICP

For design professionals, inspectors, contractors and industry sales personnel, the ICP presentation covers the essential inspection points during the construction of interlocking concrete pavement for vehicular traffic. The PICP presentation teaches inspectors what to check in permeable interlocking concrete pavement (PICP) construction projects and is also informative to designers, project superintendents, crews and product suppliers. The presentations are available for $50 to members who attended the Design Professionals Instructor Training, and is mandatory due to AIA and ASLA requirements. To order the presentation or for more information, please contact Anya Plana-Hutt at aplana-hutt@icpi.org.

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**2017 Summer Meeting — Register Now, Early-Bird Registration Ends July 24**

Early-bird registration prices will end in July, so be sure to register all your company attendees now to take advantage of the $50 registration savings! The ICPI room block is filling up quickly, so be sure to complete your room request forms and return them to ehobson@ipci.org after completing your meeting registration. Quick reminder that you must first complete your meeting registration in order to reserve your room at the Westin Harbour Castle within the ICPI room block. READ MORE

**Hardscape North America Announces Dealer Education Program for 2017**

Hardscape North America's (HNA) 2017 program for dealers will focus on not only the economy's upswing and what to expect, but also on generating profits and growing a company in both a rural and urban setting. The HNA Dealer Education Program will be from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 18 at the Kentucky Exposition Center in Louisville, Kentucky. Following the program, the HNA and GIE+EXPO (the Green Industry & Equipment Expo) trade show floors will be open exclusively to dealers and media from 3 to 7 p.m. as part of Dealer Day. More.

The **Dealer Program will feature Keynote Speaker Alan Beaulieu, one of the country's most informed economists**. Uncertainty and volatility are the prevailing challenges that business leaders confront today. Sifting through the maze of economic information, Alan Beaulieu will provide a timely snapshot of the economy today, where it is headed over the next three years and what it means to your business. Learn a methodology to help your business take advantage of the present economic environment.

Click here for more information about Alan Beaulieu.

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**ICPI Featured on Geosynthetica Podcast**

ICPI's Director of Engineering, Robert Bowers, P. Eng., was recently featured on Geosynthetica's 2017 GeoTalk Podcast series, Geosynthetics in Segmental Concrete Pavements. Mr. Bowers discussed Tech Spec 22 and the role of interlocking concrete pavement technologies, sustainability and more.
NCMA/ICPI 2016 Safety Awards Program Winners Announced

The National Concrete Masonry Association (NCMA) and the Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute (ICPI) are proud to announce the winners of the 2016 Safety Awards. The annual program recognizes safety-conscious Producer and Associate Members of NCMA and ICPI, as evidenced by exemplary safety records.

Did You Know? ICPI Member-Only Webpage Includes 'Member Search Directory'

You can easily contact other ICPI members by using the "Member Search Directory" in the Members-Only section of www.icpi.org. Members must log in with their username and password, then search the Member Directory by last name, company, state/province, ZIP code or member category.

ICPI Members: Got News to Share?

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In a Setback for Unions, Labor Department Moves to Revoke Obama-Era 'Persuader Rule'

The Labor Department announced June 8 that it was taking steps to reverse an Obama-era rule requiring companies to disclose their initial contacts with outside consultants on how to respond to unionizing efforts.

Hatch Calls for Feedback on Tax Reform

United States Senate Committee on Finance
As Congress and the administration continue to work to overhaul the nation's broken tax code, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) today called on tax stakeholders to provide ideas, proposals and feedback on how to improve the American tax system. READ MORE

Trade-Weighted US Dollar Index Against Major Currencies, 2014-2017

According to a new report from the World Bank, the global economy is strengthening, rebounding from recent challenges and assisted by better manufacturing and export data. It sees world GDP growing 2.7 percent and 2.9 percent in 2017 and 2018, respectively, up from 2.4 percent in 2016. In the United States, the World Bank predicts 2.1 percent and 2.2 percent growth in 2017 and 2018, respectively, up from 1.6 percent in 2016. In the emerging and developing economies, it predicts growth increasing from 3.5 percent to 4.1 percent to 4.5 percent from 2016 to 2018. As such, the outlook in June changed little from its January release. The underlying message is that the international economy appears to have turned a corner — especially when compared to the headwinds over the past few years — and is headed in the right direction. At the same time, the World Bank notes that political uncertainty, particularly regarding trade, could pose downward risks to these projections. READ MORE

Construction Job Openings Jump in April

The count of unfilled jobs in the construction sector climbed in April, rising to the highest level since September of last year. According to the BLS Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) and NAHB analysis, the number of open construction sector jobs (on a seasonally adjusted basis) stood at 203,000 in April. The cycle high was 238,000, set in July of last year. READ MORE

GOVERNMENT/ECONOMIC INDICATORS

More Permeable Pavement in the Pipeline?
EPA

Many municipal organizations across the U.S. expressed interest in financially partnering with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to improve water and sewer infrastructure. EPA's Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) program received "letters of interest" from communities from 19 states. This is an EPA program supporting President Trump's vision of local and private sector co-investment in our nation's infrastructure. WIFIA includes programs to reduce combined sewer overflows and that can mean use of permeable interlocking concrete pavement. Read more and be sure to click on the map in the article to review the list of interested municipal organizations. They could be using permeable pavements in the near future.

2018 International Conference on Concrete Pavers Announces Abstracts Due October 2017 and Full Papers Due June 2018

ICCBP

The 12th International Conference on Concrete Block Pavement, ICCBP 2018, will take place on Oct. 16-19, 2018 in Seoul, Korea. The ICCBP 2018 is organized by the Association of Block Pavement in Korea and sponsored by the Metropolitan Government of Seoul and the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transportation, South Korea. This international conference is part of a long-term series of events to discuss and promote technical and scientific progress with recent developments, and issues in the design and construction of block pavements worldwide. READ MORE
Sept. 10-13  |  2018 ICPI Summer Meeting  |  Vancouver, BC

Oct. 16-19  |  International Conference on Concrete Block Pavement  |  Seoul, Korea

Oct. 17-19  |  2018 Hardscape North America Trade Show  |  Louisville, KY

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**TRENDING ARTICLES**

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- ICPI Summer Meeting Sponsorship Opportunities Available (ICPI)
- Permeable Pavements in Cold Climates: State of the Art & Cold Climate Case Studies (International Society for Concrete Pavements)
- Did You Know? 14,963 (ICPI)
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