ICPI Launches Free Continuing Education Courses for Design Community on July 3, 2018

ICPI has created three free continuing education courses, to be hosted online by AEC Daily, one of the largest sources of continuing education for the design professional community.

Architects, engineers, contractors and other construction professionals will be able to take advantage of courses in: Structural Design of Streets Using Interlocking Concrete Pavement, Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavement Design Pro Software and Inspection of Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavement.

For more information, visit ICPI’s Continuing Education page on AEC Daily.


Join ICPI Chair Kendall Anderegg and Executive Director Charles McGrath for the members-only webinar, 2018-2019 Preview: Building a Strong Base for Continued Industry Growth and Prosperity on Tuesday, July 10 at 2 pm EST. The webinar will focus on the industry’s future and ICPI’s new programs for the upcoming year.

Presenters will discuss:
- Workforce Development Program updates
- Learning Management System preview
- 2018 Hardscape North America preview
- New life-cycle research
- New technical efforts
ICPI to Host PICP Workshops in California for Contractors, Municipal Staff and Design Professionals

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The Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute and California paver producers invite contractors, municipal staff and design professionals to attend free training on permeable interlocking concrete pavement (PICP)! The seminars will provide tools for design, specification, construction and maintenance of PICP. Instructional materials and lunch are included. Permeable pavements reduce stormwater runoff and pollution while recharging aquifers and providing a cooler urban climate. They can reduce drainage costs by combining pavement with detention and infiltration. Permeable interlocking concrete pavement is an essential tool for NPDES permit compliance, reduced sewer overflows, and decreased drainage costs by designing with nature.

The symposiums are eligible for five continuing education AIA and ASLA credits, as well as five professional development hours. Events will be held in San Jose, CA on June 26 and in Costa Mesa, CA on June 28. [More]

Strategic Planning Round Tables to be Held During Summer Meeting General Session Luncheon

ICPI

The 2018 ICPI Summer Meeting General Session Luncheon at the Parq Vancouver in Vancouver, BC on Tuesday, September 11 will be a Strategic Planning Meeting. Members will participate in round table discussions to help brainstorm priorities for the ICPI 2019-22 Strategic Plan.

The information generated during the discussions will be used by the Strategic Planning Committee to create the Strategic Plan which, when complete, will be submitted to the ICPI Board of Directors as a guide to direct and monitor the association's efforts.

ICPI Summer Meeting Sponsorship Opportunities Available

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The 2018 ICPI Summer Meeting will be held at the Parq Vancouver hotel in Vancouver, BC on September 10-13. The Summer Meeting will offer a variety of great opportunities for member companies to be in the spotlight with a prominent sponsorship to fit every budget. Be sure to check out the brand-new meeting room Wi-Fi sponsorship to be offered in Vancouver!

For complete details on the sponsorship opportunities available, click here or contact Erin Hobson, ehobson@icpi.org or 703-657-6908 for more information. Please note all sponsorships commitments are due no later than **July 30, 2018** to be included on promotional materials due to international deadlines.

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**Did You Know? The Dashboard Houses a Member Directory**

**ICPI**

ICPI has launched a members-only dashboard that features the latest industry news and Institute information/services. To grab a complete list of members and contact information, be sure to use the Member Contact List function under the About ICPI section or the Member Contact List box under Find a Member Company in Your Area.

Click [here](#) to view a video about the dashboard. Then, bookmark this webpage: [www.icpi.org/dashboard](http://www.icpi.org/dashboard).

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**MEMBER NEWS**

**CRH Americas Products Chief Haas to Lead New Building Products Division**

**Concrete Products**

Oldcastle Inc. parent CRH will consolidate its Americas Products franchises—Oldcastle Architectural, BuildingEnvelope, Precast—plus Europe Lightside and Distribution businesses in a new global Building Products division, effective January 2019. Americas Products President Keith Haas will lead the business, operating alongside Americas and Europe Materials divisions. Europe Lightside and Distribution President David Dillon will shift to Global Strategy & Business Development, maintaining his title and reporting to CRH CEO Albert Manifold. [More](#).
Rondeau Named Executive Director of Sales – Masonry & Hardscape
Besser Company

Kevin Curtis, Besser Company CEO and President, announced the promotion of Duane Rondeau to the position of Executive Director of Sales – Masonry & Hardscape. In this new role Duane is responsible for leadership of both the International and National sales teams. Kevin commented, “I’m confident that Duane’s understanding of Besser equipment and the global concrete products industry gives him the knowledge to lead our sales team. I’m sure, that under his leadership, Besser will continue providing producers with the industry’s best equipment and support.”

USCIS to Conduct Lottery for Temporary Increase in FY 2018 H-2B Cap

As previously announced, USCIS began accepting H-2B petitions on May 31, 2018, under the temporary final rule increasing the numerical limit, or cap, on H-2B nonimmigrant visas by up to 15,000 additional visas through the end of fiscal year (FY) 2018.

Senate Appropriations Committee Adopts ICPI Language

The Senate Appropriations Committee adopted the ICPI-proposed language in its official Committee Report to accompany the Senate FY19 THUD Appropriations Committee Bill.
Infrastructure Projects Aimed at Flood Prevention
The Houston Chronicle

America’s infrastructure is a continual point of discussion in Washington, now more than at any time in recent memory. The Trump administration helped raise the level of interest and deserves credit for taking executive action to expedite the completion of infrastructure improvements. More.

April Construction Job Openings Remain Elevated
NAHB

According to the BLS Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS) and NAHB analysis, the number of open construction sector jobs came in at 232,000. The post-recession high count of open, unfilled construction jobs was 255,000 in July of last year. The number of open construction sector jobs was relatively unchanged compared to April of last year. More.

Residential Construction Industry Contributes to Monthly Job Growth
NAHB

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported the Employment Situation for May 2018. Jobs increased by 223,000 and the unemployment rate edged down to 3.8% in May. The growth rate of average hourly earnings accelerated slightly to 2.7%, but growth has largely been flat since 2016. More.

Job Openings in Manufacturing Sector Soars
NAM

Job openings in the manufacturing sector recently soared to the highest reading since January 2001, with 451,000 openings in April, up from 421,000 in March. Overall, the pace of manufacturing job openings has trended higher, consistent with the tight labor market seen in other data. While the generation of new jobs is
nearly always welcome news, the gap between the number of manufacturing workers and available manufacturing jobs—often a result of the fact that there simply are not enough qualified applicants to fill them—is a serious problem for manufacturers. More.

Global Economy Expected to Grow 3.1% in 2018
NAM

The World Bank reported that the global economy is expected to grow 3.1 percent in 2018, matching the pace in 2017, according to the latest “Global Economic Prospects” publication. That is predicted to slow a bit to 3.0 percent and 2.9 percent in 2019 and 2020, respectively. The authors of this report see real GDP in the United States rising 2.7 percent this year and 2.5 percent next year. More.

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INDUSTRY BUZZ

Another Opportunity for Permeable Pavement?
California Stormwater Quality Association

Los Angeles County plans to double volume captured for infiltration or use – The County has prepared a draft Safe.
Clean Water Program with the goal of implementing multi-benefit stormwater and urban runoff capture projects. The plan is to capture up to a third of the 100 billion gallons of annual stormwater runoff that is currently discharged and eventually reaches the ocean. This program would almost double the current capture and groundwater replenishment volume. A new parcel tax—requiring a two-thirds majority—may be included on the November ballot to raise approximately $300 million for the program. The tax would be based on an approximate charge of 2.5 cents per square foot of impermeable surfaces on private property, with some exceptions. The program is still being revised with major participation by municipalities, businesses, and environmental NGOs. A public hearing will be held July 10. Proposed Ordinance.

Click here to learn more about the L.A. County officials considering property tax for stormwater measures and here to read more about Mark Pestrella on L.A. County’s Transformative Stormwater Plan.

Increasing the Ranks of Women in Manufacturing
Area Development
As a woman who runs a second-generation manufacturing and engineering company, Pamela Kan, President of Bishop-Wisecarver is a bit of an anomaly — a disruption to the normal pattern we tend to classify as “manufacturing.” One of her professional and personal goals is to change that notable distinction and, to that end, talk with students, parents, educators, government officials, and colleagues to learn, brainstorm, and engage in efforts that will make a difference. More.

2018 is the Year of Home Improvement Splurge Spending
ProRemodeler
All signs point to high(er) home improvement spending in 2018, with much of the money going to outdoor living enhancements and hiring professionals. More.

New System Used to Prevent Flooding in Youngstown and Mill Creek Park
WFMJ
Efforts have been underway to make sure Mill Creek Park stays open and that there isn't sewage found in its waters. New "green" technology is now being used across the city to try and prevent the disaster that took place three years ago. More.

Consumers Urge Others to Take Advantage of Funding Available for Infrastructure Projects
The Courier
Benson received $8,000 from the Department of Natural Resources after having permeable pavers installed in her driveway, which help store and filtrate the water that once accumulated on her property. More.

Water Saving Project Wraps Up at Local Bank
KY3

Workers have been installing permeable pavers this spring instead of solid concrete. The pavers allow water to flow through the parking lot at Republic and Fremont instead of running off the parking lot into public gutters. More.

For Better Resiliency, Don’t Just Try to Defeat Nature – Work With It
Craig’s New York Business

With 520 miles of coastline, there are more residents living in high-risk flood zones in New York City than any other city in the nation. That’s why FEMA is currently redrawing the city’s flood maps for the first time since 1983, the first project of its kind that will be shaped by the effects of climate change. More.

11 Ways to Engage Customers in Your Marketing Strategy
Forbes

Marketing can sometimes feel like a hamster wheel with all the work that goes into it to get results. It can even feel inauthentic if customers aren't directly involved in the process. But there are ways to change that -- marketers are moving toward marketing efforts that take the customer into account. This strategy helps customers become more enthusiastic about what your company has to offer. More.
5 Tips for Adding Video to Your Social Media Strategy

Vimeo

It’s no big secret: videos are now the most powerful content type on social media. With Facebook and Snapchat reporting 8 billion+ and 10 billion+ daily video views respectively, and Instagram stories recently hitting 150 million daily users, it’s no surprise that people expect to see videos from all the brands and businesses they come across. AND they expect to enjoy them across all the social platforms they use. The facts speak for themselves: in 2017, videos are predicted to make up over 74% of all internet traffic. It’s all to say: videos = a big thing! More.

ICPI CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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ICPI is the trade association representing the growing industry of segmental concrete pavement systems in the United States and Canada. The association’s membership includes producers, contractors, suppliers, design professionals, and distributors. ICPI is the authority for concrete pavers, which are universally recognized as the best value for pavement systems. The association delivers education and technical guidance leading to awareness, acceptance and use of segmental concrete pavement systems in the United States and Canada. For more information, visit [www.icpi.org](http://www.icpi.org).

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