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PLANNED INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP UNDER NATO PROJECT SfP 977231

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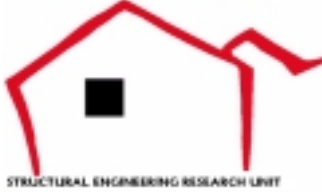
Introduction:

It may be recalled that under the NATO Project Sfp 977231 entitled “Seismic Assessment and Rehabilitation of Existing Reinforced Concrete Buildings, the Coordination Workshop was convened between May 25–28, 2001 in Antalya, Turkey and attended by several of the project team members mentioned above. At the Coordination Workshop it was unanimously decided that as part of Subproject 4 named “Training / Dissemination of Results” the most important item apart from the production of suitable research publications and technical material in the area of the project was the organization of International [as well as national] Workshops to monitor the progress of the whole project and also the associated four subprojects. It was expected that formal submissions at such workshops would later be arranged to form part of the material to be published and disseminated from the project.

Tentative Proposal :

In order to enable exchange of information, present intermediate analytical / experimental / other results obtained and to provide a forum for technical discussions related to continuing work in each subproject, it is planned to organize a “Work In Progress” NATO International Workshop under Subproject 4 of NATO Project Sfp 977231. The proposed dates for such a Workshop to be held in Izmir, Turkey are Tuesday 13 May 2003 and Wednesday 14 May 2003, with day field trips to Efes (Ephesus) and Bergama (Pergamum) on Thursday 15 May and Friday 16 May, respectively. It is to be hoped that a big majority of the project members will be able to participate in the Workshop, the dates for which have conveniently been chosen to follow those of the 2003 FIB Symposium in Athens on Concrete in Seismic Regions. Apart from participants in NATO Project Sfp 977231 it is intended to issue a few personal invitations to researchers working in the areas covered by the project whose contributions are likely to enhance the deliberations of the workshop. All participants are expected to be able to finance their travel and personal expenses in connection with the workshop, with local hospitality [boarding and lodging] for 13 and 14 May 2003 being offered by the Workshop Organizing Committee.

Publication of the Workshop Proceedings will, of course, require the submission of camera – ready documents by the end of March 2003, and further details on this matter will be offered in due course.



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For your initial response **you may kindly e-mail the Workshop Coordinator, Dr Ugurhan Akyuz** [han@metu.edu.tr] indicating whether you are likely to be able to attend the Izmir Workshop and also offer comments that will help us in more efficient planning of the workshop.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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