Nowadays, people have realized the importance of creating a sustainable society to avoid or alleviate problems like climate change, environmental pollution or economic crisis. Therefore, the life-cycle thinking of civil engineering is discussed more and more frequently.

Civil engineering is mainly focused on design and construction during the past days, but contemporary society needs civil engineering to pay attention to more aspects, such as inspection, monitoring, repair, maintenance and optimal management of structures and infrastructures, in order to effectively manage the function of these structures throughout their lifetime. Considering these needs, the objective of the International Association for Life-Cycle Civil Engineering (IALCCE) is to promote international cooperation in this field of expertise to enhance the welfare of society. Its mission is to become the premier international organization for the advancement of the life-cycle civil engineering.


All major aspects of life-cycle engineering are addressed, with special focus on structural damage processes, life-cycle design, inspection, monitoring, assessment, maintenance and rehabilitation, life-cycle cost of structures and infrastructures, life-cycle performance of special structures, and life-cycle oriented computational tools.

We are looking forward to welcome all of you in Shanghai in 2020!

**Mini-Symposium MS-6:**
Real-World Applications of Novel Structural Health Monitoring Technologies

**Objective of the Mini-Symposium MS-6**

Structural health monitoring (SHM) systems target early indication of deterioration in structures and support implementation of remedial strategies before damage leads to structural failure. As a result, adoption of SHM applications in industry is on the rise, however, fast-developing SHM technology (e.g. recent growth in UAV applications), has not yet been widely accepted by practitioners and bridge owners despite significant research activity; this is affected by limited satisfactory results in real-world applications. The aim of this mini symposium is to provide a forum in which scientists and engineers from academia and industry can present their state-of-the-art research on novel SHM technologies, focusing on practical real-world applications and successes.

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