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Authorities of AMCA

During the regular assembly of AMCA, the new Executive Council has been elected for the Argentine Association for Computational Mechanics (AMCA), for the period 2007-2009.

It is formed by: Victorio Sonzogni (President), Norberto Nigro (Secretary), Victor Fachinotti (Treasurer), and as members of the executive council: Enzo Dari, Sergio Elaskar, Guillermo Etse, Carlos García Garino, Luis Godoy, Axel Larreteguy, Angel Menéndez, Marta Rosales and Marcelo Venere. ●

Call for papers

ENIEF 2008

XVII Congress on Numerical Methods and their Applications

10-13 November 2008 - San Luis, Argentina

The annual congress of the Argentine Association of Computational Mechanics (AMCA) will take place from November 10th to November 13th 2008, in the city of San Luis, in the west of Argentina.

The congress is organized jointly by the National University of San Luis, and the International Center for Computational Methods in Engineering (CIMEC-INTEC) belonging to National University of Litoral (UNL) and the National Council for Scientific and Technological Research (CONICET), of Argentina.

Information about the congress may be found at:

<http://enief2008.unsl.edu.ar> ●

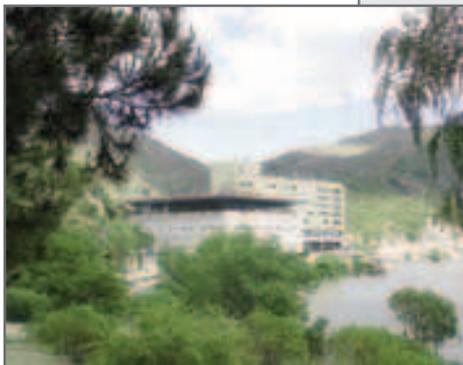


Figure 1:
San Luis, Argentina



Figure 2:
Carlos A. Prato (at the center of the photograph) with some of the participants of the symposium

**Symposium to Honor
CARLOS A. PRATO**

Carlos A. Prato has been one of the most influential researchers in structural mechanics and the application of finite elements in this field in Argentina since the early 1970s. A graduate of the National University of Cordoba and Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Prato joined the National University of Cordoba in 1970. With a strong background in both applied mechanics and computational mechanics, Prato promoted research on the boundaries of the two fields at a time when the transition from applied to computational mechanics had not yet started in the country.

The role of Prato as researcher, teacher and engineer was acknowledged last October by a community of researchers who worked with him at various stages during his career. This technical as well as friendly celebration took place on the occasion of Prato's 63rd birthday, in the form of a three-day symposium attended by some 100 participants, which was part of the ENIEF 2007 conference. Under the official title: "A symposium to honor Dr. Carlos A. Prato", the event took place in Cordoba, Argentina, from October 3 to 6, and was coordinated by Prof. Luis A. Godoy. Forty five technical papers were presented during the sessions. The participants traveled from many provinces in Argentina (Buenos Aires, Mendoza, Tucuman, Neuquen, Santa Fe, Cordoba), United States (Georgia, Washington, Puerto Rico, Virginia, Indiana) and Colombia. ●



Figure 3:
Carlos A. Prato with other participants during a coffee break.

ENIEF 2007

XVI Congress on Numerical Methods and their Applications
2 - 5 October 2007, Cordoba, Argentina

The XVI Congress on Numerical Methods and their Applications, ENIEF 2007 was held from October 2nd to 5th, 2007 in Cordoba city, Argentina. In this opportunity the ENIEF 2007 took place simultaneously with the First Congress on Applied, Computational and Industrial Mathematics, MACI 2007. Both congresses were organized by the National University of Cordoba (UNC) and they received the support of the Argentine Association of Computational Mechanics (AMCA) and the Argentine Section of the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (AR-SIAM).

The congresses were attended by more than 350 delegates, mainly from Argentina and Brazil, but also from Puerto Rico, Chile, Mexico, Paraguay, Colombia, Uruguay, Venezuela, Spain, United States and Germany. Special lectures have been given by: José M. Martínez (UNICAMP, Brazil), José M. Longo (DLR, Germany), Wolfgang Rodi (Institute for Hydromechanics University of Karlsruhe, Germany), Max Gunzburger (Florida State University, USA), John Burns (Interdisciplinary Center for Applied Mathematics, Virginia Tech, USA), Miguel Cerrolaza (Universidad Central de Venezuela, Venezuela), Juan Sanmartín (Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, Spain) and Eugene Cliff (Interdisciplinary Center for Applied Mathematics and Department of Aerospace and Ocean Engineering, Virginia Tech, USA).

Full length papers were submitted to a review process prior to publication. From them, 250 paper have been accepted and included in the XXVI Volume of the AMCA Series "Mecánica Computacional". The editors of this volume were Sergio Elaskar, Elvio Pilotta and German Torres. The papers of "Mecánica Computacional" are available at the web site: <http://www.cimec.org.ar/ojs/inex.php/mc/issue/archive>

The event lasted four days at the Faculty of the Exacts, Physics and Natural Sciences building of the National University of Cordoba. The technical program included eight plenary lectures, eight short curses, and twenty one sessions in seven rooms in parallel. The sessions "Symposium to Honor Carlos A. Prato" and "Aerospace Technology" were specially organized in honor to Prof. Carlos Prato and Prof. José Tamagno respectively. On Thursday the Congress banquet took place at the Amerian Hotel. The ordinary annual assembly of AMCA was held on Wednesday.

A student paper competition was also carried out and an special poster session was devoted to undergraduate students papers. The three best papers received special prizes consisting in money, books and short fellowships.

In the same week of ENIEF 2007, the "V Latin-American Meeting of the Abaqus Users" was also held during the first and second days of October. This meeting took again place at the building of Faculty of the Exacts, Physics and Natural Sciences.

The congresses received supports from CONICET, SECyT and Secretary of Water Resources of Argentina, SIAM, SIMULIA, National Technological University, Thomson, ROFEX, Austral University, National University of Litoral and Argentinean Mathematics Union (UMA). ●

ERRATA

In IACM Expression 21, June 2007, an error was committed at page 33, in connection with the AMCA-Awards 2006.

The first prize for student papers, was obtained by Marcelo Valdez, from the Universidad Nacional de Córdoba.

We apologise for the error.



Figure 4:
From the left to the right:
C. Turner, R. Spies
(President of AR-SIAM),
S. Elaskar (President of
Congress), V. Sonzogni
(President of AMCA),
J. Weber, W. Schulz,
D. Tarzia, E. Zapico,
M. Maciel, G. Torres and
D. Rubio.

Figure 5:
Participants at ENIEF 2007

