

2019 ASA SHOTCRETE CONVENTION & TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE

February 24-26, 2019 | Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort

Welcome to the American Shotcrete Association's 2019 Convention!



Here we are again! At our first convention last year, celebrating our 20th anniversary as an Association, our attendees were enthusiastic about the quality of the event—the sessions, the exhibits, the activities, and the food. Moreover, our members really enjoyed the opportunity to network with others who are dedicated to advancing the shotcrete industry with higher quality and broader acceptance in a wide variety of concrete structures.

At Amelia Island this year, you'll have an opportunity to network with the members who have helped grow ASA over two decades and improve the standing of shotcrete placement in the concrete construction industry. You'll also get to meet many of our younger members, some the second generation of long-established shotcrete businesses, who may well be the future movers and shakers in the shotcrete world. Their enthusiasm and desire to continue the growth of the shotcrete industry is plainly evident. Our attendees find our technical sessions are a great way to learn more about shotcrete today and tomorrow.

Additionally, we are pleased to welcome many innovative resources exhibiting at our event. The informal and beautiful venue for our meals and exhibits were intended to enhance the opportunity for new and renewed connections to be made. We hope all attendees find this unique event a distinct value.

We all look forward to the wealth of knowledge shared in our technical sessions and committee meetings. We also look forward to the social opportunities, and breadth of outside activities available here at the beachfront Omni Amelia Island Plantation Resort. Thanks to all our sponsors for helping to make the Convention possible, and finally, thank you for your attendance and participation in this second annual convention for ASA.

-Charles Hanskat, ASA Executive Director

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SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE



| SUNDAY, FEBRUARY | 24, 2019 | LOCATION |
|----------------------------|--|--|
| 8:00 am – 5:00 pm | Contractor Education Seminar (w/ boxed lunch) | Cumberland C (w/ out exam ends 3:30 pm |
| 8:15 am – 1:45 pm | Deep Sea Fishing (w/ boxed lunch) | Meet outside lobby—Porte Cochere |
| 10:00 am – 3:00 pm | Oak Marsh Golf Outing | Meet outside lobby to catch Omni shuttle |
| 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm | CM – ACI C660 Special Meeting: Shotcrete Nozzleman Certification | Talbot |
| 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm | Exhibitor Registration and Setup | Cumberland A/B |
| 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm | CM - ACI 506-H Pool Subcommittee | Talbot |
| 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm | Convention Registration | Cumberland A/B |
| 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm | Dessert Reception and Exhibit Hall open | Cumberland A/B |
| MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019 | | LOCATION |
| 6:30 am – 7:30 am | Registration | Cumberland A/B |
| 6:30 am – 8:00 am | Breakfast and Exhibit Hall open | Cumberland A/B |
| 8:00 am – 9:00 am | CM - Education Underground | Cumberland C Talbot |
| 9:00 am – 10:00 am | CM - Membership Pool & Rec | Cumberland C Talbot |
| 10:00 am – 10:30 am | AM Break | Cumberland A/B |
| 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Group Tennis Clinic | Meet outside lobby to catch Omni shuttle |
| 10:30 am – 11:30 am | CM - Marketing Safety | Cumberland C Talbot |
| 11:45 am – 12:45 pm | TC - Track 1 (A B C) | Cumberland C Talbot Ossabaw |
| 11:45 am – 1:45 pm | Lunch | Cumberland A/B |
| 1:45 pm – 2:45 pm | TC - Track 2 (A B C) | Cumberland C Talbot Ossabaw |
| 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm | TC - Track 3 (A B C) | Cumberland C Talbot Ossabaw |
| 4:30 pm | Exhibit Hall closed for the evening | Cumberland A/B |
| 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm | Reception | Sunrise Café |
| 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm | Buffet Dinner | Sunrise Café |
| TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019 | | LOCATION |
| 6:30 am – 7:30 am | Registration | Cumberland A/B |
| 6:30 am – 8:00 am | Breakfast and Exhibit Hall open | Cumberland A/B |
| 8:00 am – 9:00 am | TC - Track 4 (A B C) | Cumberland C Talbot Ossabaw |
| 9:15 am – 10:15 am | TC - Track 5 (A B C) | Cumberland C Talbot Ossabaw |
| 10:15 am – 10:45 am | AM Break | Cumberland A/B |
| 10:45 am – 11:45 am | TC - Track 6 (A B C) | Cumberland C Talbot Ossabaw |
| 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm | TC - Track 7 (encore presentations*) | Cumberland C Ossabaw |
| 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm | CM - Contractor Qualification | Talbot |
| 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm | Lunch | Cumberland A/B |
| 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm | CM - Board of Directors | Talbot |
| 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm | Exhibit Hall closed Exhibitor Move-Out | Cumberland A/B |
| 5:45 pm – 6:00 pm | Bus departure to Walker's Landing | Meet outside lobby to catch Omni shuttle |
| 6:00 pm – 10:00 pm | Reception and Awards Banquet | Walker's Landing |

CM = Committee Meetings

TC = Technology Conference presentations

Bold/italic = optional events (not included with registration)

 $[\]ensuremath{^{\star}}\xspace$ Top two attendee-selected presentations repeated based on attendee request

SHOTCRETE TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE **SESSIONS**



1A THE SHOTCRETE POOL BUSINESS

Speaker: Mason Guarino, Vice President, South Shore Gunite Pools & Spas, Inc.

The shotcrete pool business brings together many different construction aspects including excavation, forming, reinforcement, piping, placement, finishing, tolerances, curing, and protection. Successful construction of shotcrete pools requires close attention to many details, whether a small residential pool or a large commercial pool. One of the most challenging aspects is providing the proper shotcrete crews, equipment, and concrete material at the right place and time. This presentation will provide an overview of the shotcrete pool business from a successful pool contractor with decades of experience.

1B THE SHOTCRETE PLACEMENT METHOD: THE PAST. THE PRESENT, AND THE FUTURE

Speakers: Pierre Siccardi, PhD Student, Laval University; Marc Jolin, PhD, FACI, Professor, Department of Civil and Water Engineering, Laval University; and Antoine Gagnon, PhD Student, Laval University

From the early days of the cement gun to the widespread development of automation, the last 100 years have witnessed tremendous evolution in the shotcrete technology. Following the review of historical milestones, the presenters explore the knowledge available in other research areas along with the challenges that need to be explored to fully understand and further develop the shotcrete process. The approach undertaken at the Laval University Shotcrete Laboratory to further shotcrete R&D will be exposed, including some of the latest research efforts. The presenters will share their vision on the future of shotcrete with an emphasis on the challenges to face.

1C GUIDELINES AND RESOURCES FOR UNDERGROUND SHOTCRETE DESIGN AND SPECIFICATION

Speaker: Axel Nitschke, PE, PhD, Vice President, WSP USA, and Tunnel Practice Leader, NATM

The design and specification of underground shotcrete touches a wide range of topics and can be overwhelming for practitioners in the office and the field that do not work frequently with or are new to shotcrete. However, guidelines and resources are available, for example, from ACI Committee 506, Shotcreting, or the American Shotcrete Association. The presentation will provide an overview of existing guidelines and resources that are readily available and can be used. Also, the structure and interaction of the different documents will be discussed and can be used as a roadmap. Finally, links and contact information will be provided to further open the door into the field of underground shotcrete.

2A POOL SHOTCRETE-HIGH QUALITY DOES NOT MEAN LOW PRODUCTIVITY

Speaker: Ryan Oakes, Managing Partner, Revolution Gunite Contractors often feel high production is the most important aspect of their shotcrete work. Though production is important, ultimately, quality should be the primary goal for creating high-quality, durable pools. However, high production and high quality are not mutually exclusive. A knowledgeable shotcrete contractor who invests in the proper equipment, staging resources, scheduling, and crew can consistently produce high-quality shotcrete at a high production rate for their work. This presentation will explore the factors that shotcrete contractors should consider to make their operation as efficient and effective as possible with careful attention to in-place quality and productivity.

2B CONCRETE MIXTURE DESIGN FOR SHOTCRETE Speaker: Oscar Duckworth, Owner, Valley Concrete Services

Are you accepting mixture designs with less than ideal placement behavior? Why do some mixture designs stack, flow around reinforcements, and finish better than others? Occasionally, not so subtle clues are hidden in plain sight within the mixture design. Can you "read" a mixture design and predict its behavior? If not, some hard lessons may be in your future! Major points of this discussion will include: explaining plastic properties; the dark ages of shotcrete mixtures and how to avoid repeating history; understanding the role of paste and the aggregate skeleton; avoiding common mixture design mistakes; how a good mixture design can increase productivity; and why less-expensive mixtures may perform better during placement.

2C RECENT INNOVATIONS IN ROBOTIC SHOTCRETE TECHNOLOGY

Speaker: Patrick Bridger, General Manager, King Shotcrete Equipment Inc.

Handheld nozzles have been accepted practice in the shotcrete industry for more than 100 years. Over the last few decades, shotcrete equipment manufacturers have developed many equipment options that take the shotcrete nozzle from the hands of the nozzleman and replace it with much safer and much more effective options. One particular shotcrete equipment manufacturer has developed some innovative new equipment options that offer a cost-effective alternative to the traditional robotic shotcrete systems that are seen on excavation projects around the world. This presentation will introduce two of these new equipment innovations and provide examples of their use on several European and North American projects.

3A HOW NOT TO SHOOT A SHOTCRETE POOL

Speakers: Mason Guarino, Vice President, South Shore Gunite Pools & Spas, Inc.; and Ryan Oakes, Managing Partner, **Revolution Gunite**

The pool industry has a wide variety of contractors with varying experience and application techniques. Unfortunately, there are shotcrete contractors who don't know the proper application techniques, or simply cut corners in the construction process. This presentation will point out some of the things "not to do" while shooting a pool. The intent of this presentation is that if we know what not to do, we can avoid these problems in the field and ultimately build better-quality, more durable shotcrete pools.

3B SHOTCRETE PROJECTS CONVERTED FROM FORM-**AND-POUR**

Speakers: Dennis Bittner, National Sales Manager, Infrastructure, The Quikrete Companies; and Eric Bertrand, Project Engineer, **Mosites Construction**

The presenters will discuss three projects where repairs were performed using the shotcrete method in lieu of the form-and-pour method. The discussion will include the advantages of the shotcrete method over the form-and-pour method overall. Additionally, the process of changing the scope of work on each project will be discussed. The repairs completed on these projects will be explored in detail, correlating the overall advantages of the shotcrete method to specific examples on each project.

3C BEHAVIOR OF BI-COMPONENT POLYMER FIBERS UNDER CREEP AND IN AGGRESSIVE ENVIRONMENTS REGARDING DURABILITY PERFORMANCE

Speaker: Mario Manser, Contec Fiber AG, Switzerland In underground applications, spraying of concrete is a well-

established and economical alternative to conventional casting techniques. Further time and cost savings are achieved when fiber-reinforced concrete is applied. Steel fibers are mainly used at this time. Corrosion risk, damage of water impermeable films by the stiff steel fibers, and a relatively high fiber rebound are some of the drawbacks of steel fibers. A suitable alternative may be found in polymer-based fibers. Such fibers were thought to create other problems regarding the long-term application. Especially their performance under permanent load (creeping effect), but also their behavior in aggressive environments, has been questioned.

A recently developed polyolefin-based bi-component fiber was investigated regarding its long-term behavior. Pre-cracked fiber-reinforced square panels were exposed to permanent load and different aqueous solutions (sodium chloride, sodium sulphate, sulphuric acid). Long-term deformation and residual load capacity were determined. In these laboratory tests, made by EMPA (Swiss federal laboratories for materials testing and research), it could be demonstrated that for this type of structured synthetic fiber, neither creep nor the exposure to aggressive underground environments seems to be a limiting factor anymore.

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4A ADVANCEMENTS IN WET-MIX NOZZLE DESIGN

Speaker: Oscar Duckworth, Owner, Valley Concrete Services Could the nozzle be shotcrete's most overlooked component? The wet-mix nozzle is the business end of a constantly evolving shotcrete industry. But this ubiquitous tool's common design has not changed dramatically since its original patent. Can recent new developments in nozzle design force all current designs into obsolescence? Take a comprehensive look into current and future nozzle design concepts and learn: the spray pattern—shotcrete's most important element; how to identify an efficient design or an obsolete nozzle by its shape; avoid the three most common mistakes when choosing or using a wet-mix nozzle; visual and audible indicators of proper nozzle function; nozzles that should never be used for structural shotcrete; and can nozzles be designed to be safer?

4B DEVELOPMENT AND TESTING FOR A LOW TEMPERATURE SHOTCRETE MIXTURE USING HIGH-VOLUME SLAG

Speakers: Dudley R. (Rusty) Morgan, PhD, PEng, FACI, Consultant; and Wafiq Thaha, Technical Services Manager, CBM Ready Mix

Shotcrete mixtures are developed to achieve suitable performance characteristics for pumpability and stackability in the plastic state. This is traditionally done by limiting the size of the maximum coarse aggregate to 10 mm (3/8 in.) or less and by using a high proportion of an ASTM Type I cement or a CSA Type GU. Such shotocretes mixtures can, however, develop high temperatures in thick wall sections. This presentation will describe development of a low heat of hydration shotcrete mixture using a high volume of supplementary cementitious material replacement (slag) to 70% of the total cementitious content for use in thick wall sections. Candidate mixtures were developed in a three-phase program where laboratory trials assessed the rheological properties of various modifications to proportion and materials selection, and field shooting trials measured the pumpability and stacking ability of the selected mixtures and the ability to shoot in highly congested thick reinforced shotcrete wall sections. The results of the testing demonstrated a very good quality of shotcrete with low thermal heat properties and good pumping, shooting, and stackability characteristics.

4C FIBER-REINFORCED SHOTCRETE 101 Speaker: William "Bill" Geers, PE, Business Development and Technical Manager USA/Canada, Bekaert-Maccaferri Underground Solutions

The presentation will provide an overview of the different types of fibers, such as steel, macro-synthetic, micro-synthetic, and natural fibers; including a review of the basics of material properties and typical applications where the fibers are currently used in sprayed concrete. The presentation will provide a discussion on the uses of fibers in ground support applications. A review of design principals along with testing methods will be presented. Project examples where the various fibers have been employed will be presented as well.

5A RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SCIENCE OF SHOTCRETE MATERIALS AND MIXTURE DESIGN Speaker: Will Clements, MASc, PEng, Engineering Services Manager, King Shotcrete Solutions

For many years, shotcrete contractors, tunneling contractors, and mining companies have had to evaluate the benefits of dry-mix shotcrete and those of wet-mix shotcrete and choose the system that best suits their particular application. A hybrid version of both shotcrete processes can offer the benefits of both dry- and wet-mix shotcrete. Although this is not a new concept, recent technological developments have simplified the dry- to wet-mix shotcrete concept and resulted in improved mixture quality and consistency. This presentation will explain some of the more recent developments and demonstrate how those developments have improved the dryto wet-mix shotcrete concept in various above-ground and underground applications. Concrete repair using the shotcrete method has always been an efficient and versatile practice, but the risk of shrinkage cracking, inherent to all cement-based materials, remains a concern. Recent advancements in the development of shotcrete materials with very low cracking potential will be explored, along with the theory behind why using more compatible shotcrete repair materials is important to the concrete repair industry.

5B WETSUIT—NEXT-GENERATION WATERPROOFING SOLUTIONS FOR SHOTCRETE

Speaker: Brandon Kelly, Technical Director, Neptune Coatings Waterproofing has been a fundamental component of many foundation and underground shotcrete applications. This presentation will discuss the challenges of using a fluid-applied system and investigate the variety of systems available in the current construction market.

5C PERSPECTIVE ON FIBER-REINFORCED SHOTCRETE—CURRENT PRACTICE AND FUTURE INNOVATIONS

Speakers: Antoine Gagnon, PhD Student, Laval University; Marc Jolin, PhD, FACI, Professor, Department of Civil and Water Engineering, Laval University; and Pierre Siccardi, PhD Student, Laval University

Fiber-reinforced shotcrete (FRS) has proved a very versatile tool that contributes to the success of many types of projects. However, as a truly composite material, an incomplete understanding of the mechanics of FRS can lead to inadequate materials selection or mixture design, and thus unexpected results. In this presentation, the presenters will review some of the key mechanisms in play to provide examples of common challenges, especially in relation with the various test methods available. The presentation will also discuss the design of FRS mixtures, underground support challenges, structural design, FRS culture in the world, and new high-toughness mixtures.

6A SHOTCRETE FINISHING-DOS AND DON'TS

Speakers: Mark Bradford, COO, Spohn Ranch Inc.; and Dominic Petrella, Shotcrete Artisan and Owner, Petrella Concrete Shotcrete affords the ability to provide a wide variety of creative finishes—carved rock, specialized architectural surfaces, and amazingly smooth hard-troweled shotcrete finishes are some of the most difficult to produce. This presentation will discuss methods for creating high-quality finishes and how to avoid common finishing mistakes that waste time and may lead to a poor quality in-place product. Tools will also be discussed and why timing of placement is a key factor for success.

6B TIBER CREEK SEWER REHABILITATION—COMBINING INITIAL SUPPORT WITH FINAL SUPPORT AND LINING Speaker: Marcus von der Hofen, Vice President, Coastal Gunite Construction Company

As part of the DC Clean Rivers Project – Division 1 Main Pumping Station Diversions on behalf of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority, the Tiber Creek trunk sewer was designated to receive a new structural liner in a 122 ft portion in southeast Washington, DC. The rehabilitation involved creating new supporting arch structures using the shotcrete placement method in between previously installed steel bents. Once the shotcrete arches reach the required strength, the steel bents were removed, a new mat of reinforcing steel installed, and the entire length of the repair was fitted with a new continuous shotcrete liner.

6C TESTING WET-SPRAYED SHOTCRETE ON LABORATORY SCALE

Speaker: Dr. sc. nat. Benedikt Lindlar, Corporate Product Engineer, Sika Services AG and Sika Technology AG

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currently used laboratory methods for testing fresh shotcrete—for example, needle penetration tests and testing bars—are adapted from ordinary application fields of cementitious materials such as mortar or concrete. These methods have proved suitable for their original use; however, when transferred to the field of shotcrete, they do not take into consideration the very specific conditions of sprayed applications. Typical laboratory results from needle penetration methods hardly represent the performance of a real shotcrete system. To date, the only suitable way of testing the combination of cement chemistry and admixtures, especially accelerators, are therefore full-scale field tests. During this presentation, a new laboratory testing system which is valid and reliable for fresh shotcrete testing will be discussed. The system includes hardware and software for specimen preparation, data acquisition, and data evaluation.

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ICRI, the only association in the concrete industry devoted solely to repair and restoration, publishes a bimonthly magazine and technical guidelines for concrete repair. Local chapters provide regional networking opportunities. Worldwide membership includes contractors, manufacturers, engineers, distributors, owners, and other professionals with a common goal: prolonging the useful life of concrete through quality repair, restoration, and protection.

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In North American and international markets, the strength of King Shotcrete Equipment Inc. lies in its ability to provide high-quality equipment, as well as a high level of technical support from the supply of wear parts to equipment servicing and training. Visit www.kingshotcrete-equip.com.

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King Shotcrete Solutions include prepackaged shotcrete material, as well as mixing and placement equipment, intended for mining, tunneling, refractory, concrete construction, and concrete rehabilitation projects. King Shotcrete Solutions supports your complete shotcrete operation. Visit www.kingshotcrete.com.

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