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Masonry at the Crossroads – International Conference

Rod Johnston (Electronic Blueprint and ENVIROSPEC) will be presenting two of the 140 papers at the “Masonry at the Crossroads” International Conference at Swiss-Grand Hotel, Bondi Beach, Sydney Australia, 17 – 20 February 2008. He will speak on earthquake loading and free-standing masonry boundary walls. Masonry is a traditional, widely used material. However, with the advent of new materials and building systems, together with the increasing emphasis on sustainability considerations, the use of masonry will decline unless it can be shown that it is also a material for the future. This conference will explore these issues in the context of research and building practice and will be of interest to architects, engineers, building designers, product manufacturers and researchers. Over 140 papers will be presented by participants from over 20 countries, with strands dealing with sustainability issues, architectural and structural design, masonry materials, historical masonry, masonry strengthening and repair, numerical modelling and masonry durability. The conference is hosted by the University of Newcastle, Concrete Masonry Association of Australia and Think Brick Australia.

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