

SAMCO Strategy**European Association on Structural Assessment Monitoring and Control**
(SAMCO)

The Steering Committee has decided to found a **European Association on Structural Assessment Monitoring and Control (SAMCO)** after the termination of the European funded network. The main motivation is to keep the well functioning network alive and benefit from our joint achievements. This is a call to everyone to become a founding member of this Association. The foundation will happen at the SAMCO workshop at EMPA on 31. March 2006. The motivation to join could be:

- Becoming part of a strong European monitoring community (overseas partners are welcome)
- To receive consolidated information on monitoring and assessment
- To get access to the lobbying efforts towards the 7th framework program
- To receive priority in new research proposals
- To participate and benefit from the huge possibilities in international collaboration the network has worldwide
- To benefit from joint activities
- To become a European Centre of Competence

The Association will be organised by the SAMCO coordinator for the 1st working period of 2 years. After that the organiser will be selected on a vote from all members. To carry the costs of organisation it will be necessary to collect membership fees. It has been decided that the individual fee will amount to € 90,-- for 1 person, € 200,-- for companies nominating 3 persons and € 250,-- for companies nominating 5 persons as members. Members will receive full access to the database and benefit from reduced admission fees at the workshops and conferences.

In terms of internationalisation the new Association will join the International Society for Structural Health Monitoring and Intelligent Infrastructure (**ISHMII**) which organises bi-annual events (2007 in Vancouver, 2009 in Switzerland, 2011 in the U.S.A, 2013 in Singapore). You will have the same rights and access to the ISHMII database and information.

More details and a registration form will be sent in case this offer is interesting for you. The Association will start its operation in April 2006.

Please don't hesitate to ask me any details on this proposal.

With best regards
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