

## ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

### FRAMCOS 1

#### **First International Conference on Fracture Mechanics of Concrete Structures**

Reflecting the recent explosion of research activity in the area of fracture mechanics, an International Scientific Committee, composed of leaders in the field from around the world, has initiated a series of conferences to discuss the current state-of-the-art as it exists in research findings. The first conference, organized by Northwestern University and chaired by Zdeněk P. Bažant, will be held on 1–5 June 1992, at Beaver Run Resort, Breckenridge, Colorado. The co-sponsors are the Center for Advanced Cement-Based Materials at Northwestern University, the National Science Foundation, the American Concrete Institute and the International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering. The program will cover all aspects of fracture mechanics of concrete and concrete structures, as well as fracture problems of other quasibrittle materials that are relevant to concrete structures. Emphasis will be placed on fracture effects in structures and methods of structural analysis in design.

Prospective authors should send a one-page abstract to Marty Moser, assistant to Z. P. Bažant, Walter P. Murphy Professor of Civil Engineering, Northwestern University, 1800 Ridge Ave., Evanston, IL 60208, U.S.A. (Fax: 708-467-1078), before 1 November 1991. Camera-ready papers are due by 1 February 1992. Those papers selected for full presentation will be allotted 20 minutes; other papers will be presented in poster sessions, or as 12-minute contributions. The conference will also feature invited lectures. Sessions will begin at 7 p.m. on 1 June, and run daily from 8.15–12.15 and 19.00–20.30, ending at noon on 5 June. Afternoons will be free for discussions or leisure activities. Breckenridge (at altitude 2930 m) is a picturesque resort town in a high mountain environment of extraordinary beauty.

The registration fee is \$365 before 1 March 1992, and \$465 after. It will cover the costs of the proceedings volume, a banquet, and conference lunches and refreshments. To register, send a check payable to FRAMCOS 1, to Marty Moser. Hotel accommodations may be arranged through the Beaver Run Resort at P.O. Box 2115, Breckenridge, CO 80424-2115, U.S.A. (303-453-6000). Participants should request FRAMCOS 1 special rates.