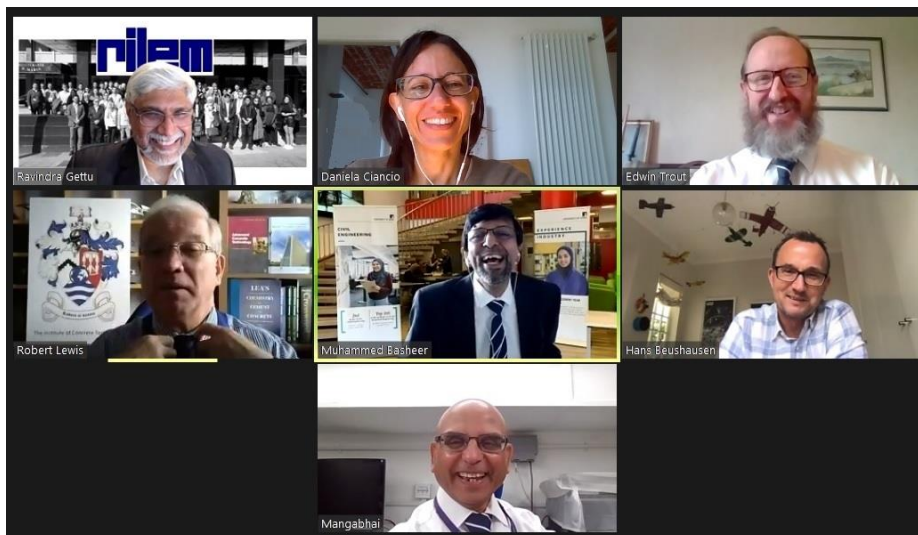


Institute of Concrete Technology (ICT) 50th Convention: a RILEM perspective

The list of ICT members that are also RILEM members is endless, starting from the current ICT President, Professor P.A. Muhammed Basheer, University of Leeds, to ICT Honorary Fellows Professor R. D. Hooton, University of Toronto, and Professor K. Scrivener, EPFL, respectively former and current [RILEM EAC](#) Chair. It was therefore just a matter of time for ICT and RILEM to become partners. RILEM and ICT became International Partners in 2020, with an [on-line signature ceremony](#) that put the seed for a fruitful collaboration in the years to come. Since then, amongst other initiatives, ICT has issues CPD credits for the participants of the monthly [ROC&TOK webinars](#) organised by the RILEM EAC, and RILEM and ICT have shared information about events and publications in their reciprocal newsletters.



Screen shot of the 2020 signature ceremony that was attended by (from the top left): Ravindra Gettu, RILEM outgoing President; Daniela Ciancio, RILEM Implementation Manager; Edwin Trout, ICT Secretary; Rob Lewis, former ICT President; Muhammed Basheer, ICT President; Hans Beushausen, RILEM DAC Chair; Raman Mangabhai, former ICT President. Image courtesy of D. Ciancio.

In June 2022, ICT celebrated its [50th anniversary](#) in London, UK. The convention was an opportunity to strengthen the collaboration between RILEM and ICT... and also a fun event to attend, exquisitely organised, and full of interesting presentations!

The lecture that opened the convention was a tribute to Sir Frederick Lea, a former Honorary Fellow of the Institute and one of the [RILEM founders](#). The speaker of the Sir Frederick Lea Memorial Lecture was Professor Jorge de Brito, University of Lisbon, who discussed about *concrete sustainability*. The following 2 lectures in the morning were about *i) the contribution of admixtures to modern concretes*, from Professor Peter Hewlett, University of Dundee, and Dr Martin Liska, Sika Ltd, and about *ii) Supplementary cementitious materials* from RILEM member Professor Martin Cyr, Laboratoire Matériaux & Durabilité des Constructions (LMDC).

Amongst the lectures of the afternoon session, a special remark goes to the ones of:

- Professor Mohammed Sonebi, Queens University Belfast, and Dr Ahmed Abdalqader, Tracey Concrete Ltd (both RILEM Members), about *Self-compacting concrete*
- and
- Professor John Provis (RILEM member), University of Sheffield, about *AACM and low carbon concrete*.



On the left: Professor Mohammed Sonebi, Queens University Belfast, during his presentation on Self-compacting concrete. On the right: Prof. Sonebi showing the relevant RILEM publications on the topic of Self-compacting concrete. Images courtesy of D. Ciancio.



Professor John Provis, University of Sheffield, presenting AACM and low carbon concrete. Images courtesy of D. Ciancio.

RILEM had a desk at the exhibition foyer, showing some of the recent RILEM publications.



The exhibition desk of RILEM at the ICT 50th Convention. Images courtesy of D. Ciancio.

The 1-day event concluded with an elegant dinner at the Institution of Civil Engineers – ICE – building in London, where RILEM President, Dr Nicolas Roussel, was invited to say a few words about the RILEM-ICT partnership. Food and company were divine!



On the left: from the left, Edwin Trout, ICT Secretary; Muhammed Basheer, ICT President; Raman Mangabhai, former ICT President, Nicolas Roussel, RILEM President. On the right: Nicolas Roussel talking at the gala dinner of the event. Images courtesy of ICT.



From the left: Ye Qian, The University of Hong Kong, Agnieszka Klemm, Glasgow Caledonian University, John Provis, Sheffield University, Jorge de Brito, University of Lisbon, Martin Cyr, LCDM, Nicolas Roussel, RILEM President, University Gustave Eiffel, Mohammed Sonebi, Queens University Belfast. Image courtesy of D. Ciancio.