

## Deadlines and submissions

- **For abstracts: 15 November 2023**
- **Full papers (6-8 pages): 15 February 2024**
- **Revised papers: 30 May 2024**
- Abstract layout and submission process available at: <https://rilem-week2024.sciencesconf.org/>
- In case of any question about the conference, please contact: [bertron@insa-toulouse.fr](mailto:bertron@insa-toulouse.fr)

## Proceedings

Proceedings will be issued in an electronic format. Publication of papers in proceedings will be conditional on registration of at least one co-author to the conference. The authors of the best papers will be invited to submit their manuscripts to RILEM Technical Letters Open Access Journal.

## Registration and fees

- Registration fees include participation in the conference, proceedings (electronic copies), and participation in coffee breaks and lunch.

VAT included 10%	Early-bird registration Until April 14, 2024	Regular registration From April 15, 2024	Onsite registration August 27-30, 2024
RILEM member	650 €	750 €	1,000 €
Non-RILEM member	850 €	950 €	1,400 €
PhD's and PostDoc (24 months after PhD defence)	275 €	350 €	450 €
RILEM member /officer participating in the RILEM week only	75 €	100 €	120 €
Pre-congress course (per course) - PhD student	45 €	55 €	Not applicable
Pre-congress course (per course) - Industry	500 €	600 €	Not applicable
Gala dinner (per participant)		100 €	

- For further details regarding the registration, please see the conference website.

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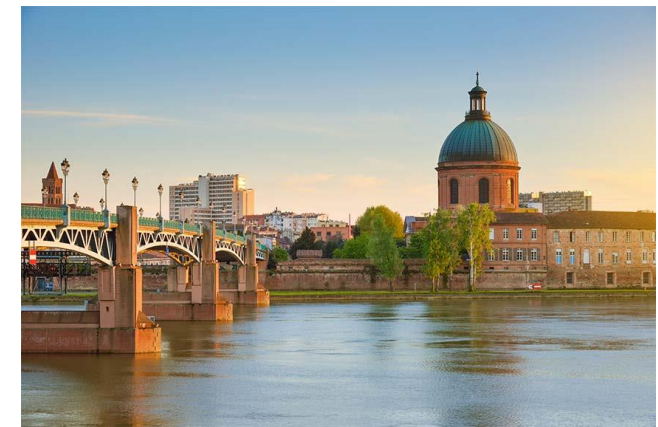


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## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

**78<sup>th</sup> RILEM Annual Week  
 and RILEM Conference on  
 Sustainable Materials and  
 Structures: Meeting the  
 major challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup>  
 century – SMS 2024**



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**Including Young Researcher Competition  
 and Best Paper Award**

**25-30 August 2024, Toulouse,  
 France**

## Welcome & scope

The 78<sup>th</sup> RILEM annual week 2024 is a conference to witness the recent advances in sustainable materials and structures. It is a prestigious event organized with a motivation to provide an international platform for budding researchers, academicians, engineers, industrialists, and for all inquisitive minds to share their research findings. The theme of SMS 2024 is to identify and address significant challenges of the construction sector in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The conference aims to present and discuss topics related to safe and sustainable construction, durability of concrete, promotion of circular economy in construction sector and energy efficient materials and buildings.

RILEM stands for Réunion *Internationale des Laboratoires et Experts des Matériaux, systèmes de construction et ouvrages*. The objectives of RILEM, and by extension the conference, is simply a manifestation of the acronym which aims at bringing together organizations and professionals working in the domain of materials and structures to discuss, collaborate, and chart road maps for the future. We cordially invite you to attend the conference, take part in its proceedings, and make this conference a grand success.

For more information about RILEM week:  
<https://rilem-week2024.sciencesconf.org/>

**Chair: Prof. Alexandra Bertron (LMDC INSA Toulouse)**

## Conference topics

**Conference themes and topics include:**

**For building materials:**

- Cementitious materials (conventional and low-CO<sub>2</sub> binders, alkali-activated materials and geopolymers, new binders (with sulfur, magnesium, etc.), materials for energy storage,

- Bricks, stone, masonry, mortars, grouts,
- Wood and timber structures.

**For civil engineering structures:**

- Buildings: Quality of indoor air, comfort, hygrothermal behaviour of building materials,
- Strategic infrastructures in their environments.

For any of these topics, scientific contributions investigating the time and service related properties, like, early age and setting, service properties, durability, safety, environmental impact, recyclability, will be particularly welcome. Experimental and numerical characterisation of material properties at different scales will be of interest: nanoscale (molecular dynamics, coarse grain models, advanced characterisation techniques), micro-mesoscale (mesoscopic models, indentation, etc.), macroscale (multiphysics characterisation, etc.), and structural scale (SHM, NDT, hybrid testing).

**Special sessions will be held on a range of topics, that include** Bio-based materials and earth construction; Materials for energy storage (sensible-heat, latent-heat, and thermochemical), Bituminous materials, Characterization, and modelling on small scales (nano, micro, molecular), Data-driven concrete science (AI for concrete material and infrastructures), microorganisms-building materials interactions, and so on.

## Young researcher and best paper awards

A **Young Researcher Competition** will be organized in a dedicated session. Young researchers will discuss their findings in an oral presentation as well as a poster session. Three prizes will be awarded by a jury of industrial and academic members.

In addition, **Best Papers** will be selected among regular papers. Authors of the latter will be offered to submit a paper the RILEM Technical Letters, the Open Access Journal of RILEM.

More information at: <https://rilem-week2024.sciencesconf.org/resource/page/id/20>

## Committees

**Organizing committee:**

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**Scientific committee:**

**The scientific Committee of the 78<sup>th</sup> RILEM Week and SMS Conference is composed of RILEM Officers**

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- Prof. Eshan Dave, U. New Hampshire, USA (Cluster F - Bituminous Materials and Polymers)

**RILEM TC Chairs and Deputy-Chairs:** The complete list of TC Chairs and Deputy-Chairs involved in the Scientific Committee is available on the Conference website at: <https://rilem-week2024.sciencesconf.org/resource/page/id/10>