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Industry News

European Cement Conference

Jean-Francois Sautin, Chairman of the BCA Council and Managing Director of Lafarge Cement UK, opened this year's European Cement Conference, attended by over 200 delegates, on 13-14 March. Mike Gilbert, Chief Executive of the BCA, gave a presentation on the UK cement industry's approach to sustainable development, highlighting the industry's economic, social and environmental improvements and how sustainable development is now part of all its operations. Further information on [sustainability](#) on the BCA website.

International Visitors

George Venta, Director of Air Emissions and Environment from the Cement Association of Canada visited BCA on 17 March. The Cement Association of Canada will be hosting the 12th International Congress on the Chemistry of Cement in Montreal, Canada from 8-13 July 2007. The Congress theme is *Cement Systems – A Knowledge-based innovative approach*. Further

details: www.iccc2007.org.

Mr Juan Carlos López Agüí, Director General of IECA, Spain, visited the BCA on 29 March 2006. He gave a presentation on the IECA activities and Spanish cement and concrete industry and met representatives from The Concrete Centre, Concrete Society Information Service and Britpave.

Crash Hard Hat Appeal

The CRASH Hard Hat Appeal is CRASH's 15th anniversary fundraising campaign to raise £200,000 in 2006 for the homeless. The aim of the appeal is to increase the amount of help that the industry charity can give to the homelessness projects it supports across the UK. For further information, email comms@crash.org.uk or visit www.crash.org.uk.

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Health and safety

Initiatives published on BCA website

The British Cement Association has launched various initiatives in 2005 and 2006 aimed at driving down accidents in the workplace.

Downloads from the BCA website showed that these publications have reached audiences much wider than the cement industry only. Download figures for March 2006 for the various publications are indicated below:

BCA Visibility Reversing Guidance (downloaded 675 times)
Slips, Trips and Falls (656)
Hot Meal Burns (299)

For copies of the documents, please visit the [publications](#) section of the BCA website, www.cementindustry.co.uk.

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Concrete Communications Conference

The conference aims to develop and enhance the communication

between professional practice and universities in concrete design, materials and construction. UCL, 5-6 September. Further information to follow.

Cement and Concrete Science

Sheffield Hallam University, 11-12 September. To register interest or submit an abstract, please contact RJ Mangabhai, Tel: 0208 9083762. Email r.j.mangabhai@btinternet.com

Living with Minerals 2

Making and sustaining the link between minerals, the economy and our way of life. 6 November, Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre. [Further information.](#)

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BCA media coverage for February

Article	Media	Issue
New Chairman at BCA	Builders Merchants' News	Feb 06
Lafarge MD takes helm at the BCA	World Cement	Feb 06
Cement Sustainability	Sustain	V7 i01
To the centre of the kiln	Building	24 Feb

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