**Instructions for the Preparation of Papers to the XVIII International Conference on Structural Repair and Rehabilitation (Paper’s title)**

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**Abstract:** The abstract should consist of a brief description of the contents of the paper. Its length must not exceed 300 words and should not contain tables, figures, equations or references. The paper itself must comply with the formatting exemplified in this document.

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The paper should not exceed 12 pages.

**1. Introduction**

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**2. General instructions**

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The paper should not exceed a maximum of **12 pages**. The page limit includes the abstract, figures, tables, acknowledgments and references. The papers submitted that are not properly formatted will be returned to the authors for correction.

Some general guidelines to help writing the paper:

* Avoid adding blank lines between sections in the text; the header formatting already includes an adequate separation with the text;
* Do not use “tabs”;
* All titles should be left aligned;
* Protect the lines in the tables so that they will be always together, avoiding the splitting of the table into different pages;
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The captions of the tables should be given above the table. The figure captions are given below the figures (see the following examples). The caption letter is Calibri 10 with single line spacing. In the captions the words **Table** and **Figure** should be given in bold, as well as the sequential number that appear before a horizontal dash ( – ). To avoid large areas of the paper in blank because one table or figure has to be moved to the following page, the authors should re-organize the text accordingly.

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