



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

The 2025 Young Concrete, Researchers, Engineers, and Technologists Symposium (YCRETS), convened under the auspices of Cement & Concrete SA, will be the third in this series. This peer-reviewed event brings together individuals, 35 years and younger (in 2025), who work on the development, design, and application of concrete and cementitious-based materials in Southern Africa. YCRETS 2025 will be a physical event hosted at the University of Pretoria; all presentations will be done live at the venue.

You are now invited to submit an abstract for YCRETS 2025, under the overarching theme of The Future of Cement and Concrete.

Participants in the previous two YCRETS events will testify to the extended exposure for all the participants. Ensuring the Future of Cement and Concrete starts with the authoritative research that can translate into innovative materials and site practices to ensure a sustainable future for this unique and versatile construction material.

Symposium theme:

THE FUTURE OF CEMENT AND CONCRETE

Symposium sub-themes:

- ▶ Alternative cementitious materials.
- ▶ Novel cement and concrete applications.
- ▶ Innovations in concrete technology and civil structures.
- ▶ Optimising structures and resources.
- ▶ Construction technology.
- ▶ Durability and resilience.
- ▶ Test methods.
- ▶ Life cycle and condition assessment.
- ▶ Design for cracking.
- ▶ Structural Health Monitoring

To submit an abstract (max 200 words), please e-mail it to ycrets@up.ac.za by 14 October 2024.

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The abstract and full paper TEMPLATE can be downloaded from the symposium website:

<https://cemcon-sa.org.za/ycrets2025/>
(Click on Call-for-Abstracts Tab)

PLEASE NOTE: The acceptance of an abstract is not an automatic acceptance of the paper. Only a selected number of high-quality papers will be accepted after the peer review process by the Symposium's Scientific Committee.

Should the full paper not be accepted for presentation, the option may exist to present the research in a poster session. The proceedings of this Symposium will be published in an electronic format on the website after the Symposium.

Cement & Concrete SA will also publish the final papers in future issues of Concrete Beton, with permission from the authors.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

14 October 2024

ABSTRACT ACCEPTANCE

6 December 2024

FULL PAPER SUBMISSION

14 March 2025

FINAL VERSION DEADLINE

23 May 2025

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