



Highlights of 1995 PCI Committee Days

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By popular demand, PCI's 1995 Committee Days was again held in downtown Chicago, this time at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza Hotel, April 27-30. Nearly 240 PCI members gathered over a long weekend to set to work on the issues at the heart of PCI's technical and marketing activities in 40 committee meetings. Although the weather was still chilly for springtime in Chicago, those in

attendance were just a short walk from the city's fashionable River North area where restaurants and nightclubs abound.

The real action, though, was taking place in the committee meetings. With a full schedule of meetings, Thursday, April 27, was also the date for PCI President **Thomas B. Battles'** luncheon presentation on PC-21, PCI's program to transform the precast/prestressed con-

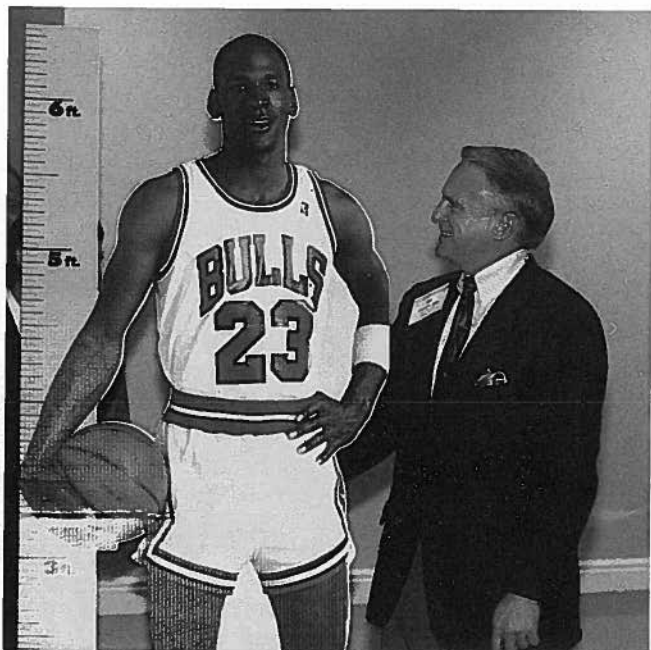
crete industry between now and the 21st century. Sponsored by PCI Associate Members Master Builders and W.R. Grace, this program has been underway since the FIP Congress in June 1994. The core group will continue to meet throughout the rest of this year to develop a strategic plan and case histories of individual companies' efforts to facilitate change and growth in our industry.



Accepting the Certificate of Merit on behalf of the Durability Committee for its reports on silica fume and alkali-aggregate reactivity were (from left to right): **Phillip J. Iverson, Charles Magneslo, Thomas J. D'Arcy, and Paul C. Breeze.**



Accepting the Certificate of Merit on behalf of the subcommittee of the Bridges Committee contributing to the spliced girder report were (from left to right): **Stephen Zendegul, Scott E. Olson, Richard R. Imper, and C. Douglas Sutton.**



James R. Voss admires the special "award" he was given during Friday's awards presentation: a lifesize cardboard cutout of Chicago Bulls' superstar **Michael Jordan**.



Technical Activities Council Chairman **Thomas J. D'Arcy** (right), assisted by **Phillip J. Iverson**, presided over Friday's awards presentation.

Certificates of Merit were presented to two committees during the luncheon on Friday, April 28. **Thomas J. D'Arcy**, Chairman of the PCI Technical Activities Council and principal of The Consulting Engineers Group, San Antonio, Texas, presided over the awards presentation with assistance from PCI Technical Director **Phillip J. Iverson**.

The first Certificate of Merit was presented to members of the Bridges Committee (**Reid W. Castrodale**, chairman) who were instrumental in the development of the report on spliced concrete girders, *State-of-the-Art of Spliced Girder Bridges* (available through PCI headquarters for \$15.00). The Bridges Committee members who received the Certificate of Merit were: **Ahmad M. Abdel-Karim**, **Alex Aswad**, **Robert Barnoff**, **Kris G. Bassi**, **Richard R. Imper**, **James K. Iverson**, **Joseph P. LoBuono**, **Robert J. Loehr**, **Gordon Nagle**, **Scott E. Olson**, **C. Douglas Sutton**, **Maher K. Tadros**, and **Stephen Zendegul**.

The second Certificate of Merit was presented to the Durability Committee (**Anthony P. Chrest**, chairman) for two reports that were published in the PCI JOURNAL in

1994. The first report, "Guide to Using Silica Fume in Precast/Pre-stressed Concrete Products," appeared in the September-October 1994 PCI JOURNAL. The second report, "Alkali-Aggregate Reactivity — A Summary," was published in the November-December 1994 JOURNAL. The members of the Durability Committee are: **Ralph Brown**, **Paul C. Breeze**, **Anthony P. Chrest**, **James L. F. Clarke**, **Thomas J. D'Arcy**, **Timothy Durning**, **David B. Eddy**, **Suresh S. Gami**, **Phillip J. Iverson**, **Charles Magnesio**, **Donald F. Meinheit**, **Frank A. Nadeau**, **Carl A. Peterson**, **Kenneth Rear**, **Morris Schupack**, and **H. Carl Walker**.

Along with the presentation of the certificates was a lighthearted "award" given to **James R. Voss**, president of JVI, Inc., Skokie, Illinois: a lifesize cutout of one of the greatest basketball players of all time, the Chicago Bulls' **Michael Jordan**.

Saturday's luncheon was particularly interesting with a presentation by **Donald R. Logan**, chairman of Stresscon Corp., Colorado Springs, Colorado, on the January 17, 1995, earthquake in Kobe, Japan. Mr. Logan's first-hand knowledge and photographs, gathered on a recon-



Donald R. Logan gave an informative lecture and slide presentation during Saturday's luncheon about the January 17, 1995, earthquake in Kobe, Japan.

naissance trip to the earthquake site, were effective in illustrating the exceptional performance of precast/prestressed concrete in the natural disaster. More information on the earthquake can be found in the article "Observations on the Performance of Structures in the Kobe Earthquake of January 17, 1995" by S. K. Ghosh in the March-April 1995 PCI JOURNAL.

Mark your calendars now for the PCI Annual Convention and Exhibition, October 15-18 in Reno, Nevada.

