

## PCA announces organizational changes in D.C. office

The Portland Cement Association (PCA) has added Rachel Derby to its Washington, D.C., staff. Derby will serve as vice president of government affairs, focusing on legislative relationships and advocacy.

PCA also announced that effective November 1, A. Todd Johnston has been promoted to executive vice president of government affairs and that Collin Long has been promoted to senior director of government affairs.

Derby comes to PCA from the Toy Industry Association, where she was senior director of federal government affairs. In that role she managed outreach with the White House, Congress, and other regulatory agencies and led the organization's strategies on environmental sustainability, chemical regulations, and social responsibility. She holds a bachelor of science in marketing from Florida State University.

Johnston, who joined the PCA team in January 2015, will oversee all of the association's government affairs operations, including activities at both the federal and state levels.

Long, who has been with PCA for three years, will continue his work of fostering relationships and representing industry interests, primarily in the legislative arena.

—Source: PCA

## Pankow releases high-strength reinforcing-bar research

The Pankow Foundation has released "Defining Structurally Acceptable Properties of High-Strength Steel Bars through Material and Column Testing (05-14) Part I: Material Testing Report" by Chase M. Slavin and Wassim M. Ghannoum of the University of Texas at Austin.

This report is the first deliverable of the study, which explores critical material and structural behaviors at the boundaries of high-strength steel properties that can currently be achieved. Key steel properties that will be explored are tensile- to yield-strength ratio, ultimate or uniform elongation, and low-cycle fatigue performance. Material and structural tests on concrete columns will be conducted to compare behaviors at the high and low ends of the steel properties in production. Such tests will provide much-needed experimental evidence to define structurally acceptable properties for steel mills to target in production and the research community to

use in structural testing. The principal investigator for the project is Ghannoum.

—Source: Pankow Foundation

## Memorandum of cooperation signed between *fib* and RILEM



The International Federation for Structural Concrete (*fib*) and International Union of Laboratories and Experts in Construction Materials, Systems and Structures (RILEM) sign a memorandum of cooperation to coordinate their technical activities. From left are *fib* president Harald S. Müller, *fib* secretary general Petra Schumacher, RILEM secretary general Pascale Ducornet, and RILEM president Mark Alexander. Courtesy of Anne Griffioen.

On September 2, 2015, in Melbourne, Australia, a memorandum of cooperation was signed by *fib* (International Federation for Structural Concrete) and RILEM (International Union of Laboratories and Experts in Construction Materials, Systems and Structures) at the 27th Biennial National Conference of the Concrete Institute of Australia, in conjunction with the 69th RILEM Week Conference. The main goal is to coordinate technical activities in the field of structural concrete between the two associations, which could include having members of each organization participate in the committee activities of the other.

The groups are both international not-for-profit organizations with similar structures and goals. RILEM advances scientific knowledge related to construction materials, systems, and structures and encourages the transfer and application of this knowledge worldwide, and *fib* advances the technical, economic, aesthetic, and environmental performances of concrete structures worldwide.

Members of both organizations will benefit directly from this agreement by being able to purchase the other organization's publications at a discounted price.

The signatories were *fib* president Harald S. Müller, RILEM president Mark Alexander, *fib* secretary general Petra Schumacher, RILEM secretary general Pascale Ducornet, *fib* immediate past president Gordon Clark, and RILEM Development Advisory Committee chair Roberto Torrent. —Source: *fib*


## Trygestad joins CTLGroup as principal engineer

Amy Trygestad has joined CTLGroup as a principal engineer. She is a licensed professional engineer with

more than 20 years of experience in the structural design and construction industry. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from the University of Minnesota.

Her experience includes engineering consulting, program management, concrete subcontracting, ready-mixed concrete production, and strategic marketing and technical enhancement of concrete construction.

Trygestad was named a fellow of the American Concrete Institute (ACI) in 2014 and actively serves on several ACI committees.

—Source: CTLGroup 

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### INDUSTRY CALENDAR

#### Events

For the most current information on events, visit <http://www.pci.org/events>.

**National Accelerated Bridge Construction Conference**  
Miami, Fla.

December 7–8, 2015

**2nd ATC-SEI Conference on Improving the Seismic Performance of Existing Buildings and Other Structures**  
San Francisco, Calif.

December 10–12, 2015

**2016 TRB 95th Annual Meeting**  
Washington, D.C.

January 10–14, 2016

**ACI Spring Convention**  
Hyatt and Wisconsin Center, Milwaukee, Wis.

April 17–21, 2016

**RILEM Microorganisms–Cementitious Materials Interactions Conference**  
Delft, Netherlands

June 23, 2016

**First International Interactive Symposium on UHPC**  
Des Moines, Iowa

July 18–20, 2016

**ASCE Convention 2016**  
Portland, Ore.

September 29–October 3, 2016

**ACI Fall Convention “Revolutionary Concrete”**  
Marriott Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pa.

October 23–27, 2016

***fib* Symposium 2016: Performance-based Approaches for Concrete Structures**  
Cape Town, South Africa

November 21–23, 2016