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As the International Association of Resilient Cities and Structures (IARCS) continues to grow, we are pleased to present the second edition of the IARCS Newsletter. This issue highlights recent achievements, ongoing initiatives, and exciting opportunities that continue to strengthen our global community of researchers, engineers, practitioners, and policymakers dedicated to advancing resilience and sustainability.

The evolution of Resilient Cities and Structures represents a major achievement for both the journal and the IARCS community. Since its indexing in DOAJ in 2022, the journal has gained increasing international recognition through inclusion in Scopus, SJR Q1, Ei Compendex, and Clarivate ESCI, while its CiteScore rose significantly from 3.2 to 9.6. This remarkable progress reflects IARCS's commitment to advancing research, innovation, and global collaboration in resilient infrastructure, structural engineering, and sustainable urban development.

This issue also features updates on upcoming events, highlights from recent IARCS activities, news from our members, and opportunities to engage with the international resilience community. We thank all authors, reviewers, editors, speakers, partners, and members whose dedication and contributions have made these achievements possible. Together, we are building a stronger foundation for resilient cities, sustainable infrastructure, and safer communities worldwide.

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IARCS committee meetings

The International Association of Resilient Cities and Structures (IARCS) is committed to strengthening international collaboration and fostering meaningful engagement among its leadership and members. To support this mission, IARCS organizes its Committee Meetings annually, alternating between China and Italy, two countries that play a central role in the association's activities and global outreach. These meetings provide an important platform for discussing strategic priorities, reviewing ongoing initiatives, and planning future activities that advance resilience research and practice worldwide.



Beyond their administrative function, the annual committee meetings serve as a catalyst for scientific exchange and international cooperation. They bring together leading researchers, academics, engineers, practitioners, and institutional representatives to share perspectives on emerging challenges and opportunities in resilience, earthquake engineering, structural health monitoring, disaster risk reduction, and sustainable urban development. The meetings also facilitate the development of new partnerships, collaborative research projects, educational programs, and technical initiatives that strengthen the global network of IARCS. By alternating between China and Italy, the association promotes cultural exchange, broadens member engagement, and reinforces its role as a bridge connecting experts from different regions of the world. This long-term commitment to collaboration continues to contribute to the growth of IARCS and to the advancement of resilient and sustainable communities worldwide.

Join Us at ICONREM 2028

The International Conference on Resilience, Earthquake Engineering and Structural Health Monitoring (ICONREM 2028) will bring together researchers, engineers, practitioners, policymakers, and industry professionals from around the world to discuss the latest advances in resilience, risk reduction, structural health monitoring, and sustainable infrastructure. Building on the success of previous editions, ICONREM 2028 will provide a premier platform for scientific exchange, international collaboration, and innovative solutions for resilient cities and communities.

 **Location:** Department of civil engineering, University of Salerno, Salerno, Italy

 **Conference Date:** June 2028

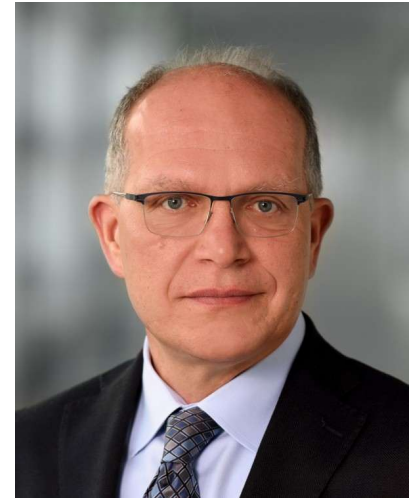
For additional information and updates, please visit www.iconrem.it.



Winners

Bruneau Medal

The Bruneau Medal is one of the highest distinctions awarded by the International Association of Resilient Cities and Structures (IARCS), recognizing exceptional contributions to the advancement of resilience engineering, earthquake engineering, and sustainable infrastructure. At this edition, the medal was awarded to Bozidar Stojadinovic, ETH Zurich, in recognition of outstanding achievements in earthquake engineering, risk analysis and resilience science. Through pioneering research, leadership, and dedication to the resilience community, Bozidar has made a lasting impact on the development of innovative solutions that enhance the safety, adaptability, and sustainability of the built environment. The award celebrates excellence while inspiring future generations of researchers and practitioners committed to advancing resilient cities and structures.



Best paper Award

The Best Paper Award was presented to Onur Ülkü, Maria Polese, Jelena Pejovic, and Nina Serdar for the paper entitled "Image-Based and Data-Driven Seismic Exposure Modelling Using CNNs: Application to Municipality of Podgorica". The award recognizes the paper's outstanding scientific quality, originality, technical rigor, and potential impact on the field of resilient infrastructure and structural engineering. This recognition highlights the authors' significant contribution to the conference and underscores the importance of high-quality research in addressing the challenges faced by modern cities and infrastructure systems.



Best presentation

The Best Presentation Award was awarded to Simona Bianchi, Michele Matteoni, Jonathan Ciurlanti, and Francesco Petrini, for the presentation entitled "Multi-criteria Metrics for Multi-hazard Resilience Decisions on Buildings". Selected for its clarity, scientific merit, engaging delivery, and relevance to the conference themes, the presentation showcased important advances in resilience and stimulated valuable discussion among participants. The award recognizes not only the quality of the research but also the effectiveness with which complex ideas were communicated to the international audience, contributing to knowledge exchange and collaboration within the resilience engineering community.



Calendar

2027

APRIL

22–24. IABSE Symposium 2027 – Structural Failures: Causes, Investigation, Resilience, Mitigation & Standardisation, Guwahati, India.

<https://www.iabse.org/Guwahati2027>

MAY

10–14. Understanding Risk Global Forum 2027 – Disaster Risk, AI & Resilient Futures, Abu Dhabi, UAE.

<https://www.gfdrr.org/en/understandingrisk>

25–27. Europe & Central Asia Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, Bucharest, Romania. <https://www.undrr.org>

JUNE

7–9. fib Symposium 2027 – Structural Concrete & Resilient Infrastructure, Dresden, Germany. <https://fib-2027.org/>

14–18. EERI Annual Meeting 2027, Bellevue, USA. <https://www.eeri.org>

28 Jun–1 Jul. Intl. Conf. on Sustainability in Geotechnical Eng. (ICSGE 2027), Lisbon, Portugal. <https://icsge.lnec.pt>

SEPTEMBER

7–10. Experimental Vibration Analysis of Civil Eng. Structures (EVACES 2027), Perugia, Italy.

21–24. European Conf. on Numerical Methods in Geotechnical Eng. (NUMGE 2027), Graz, Austria.

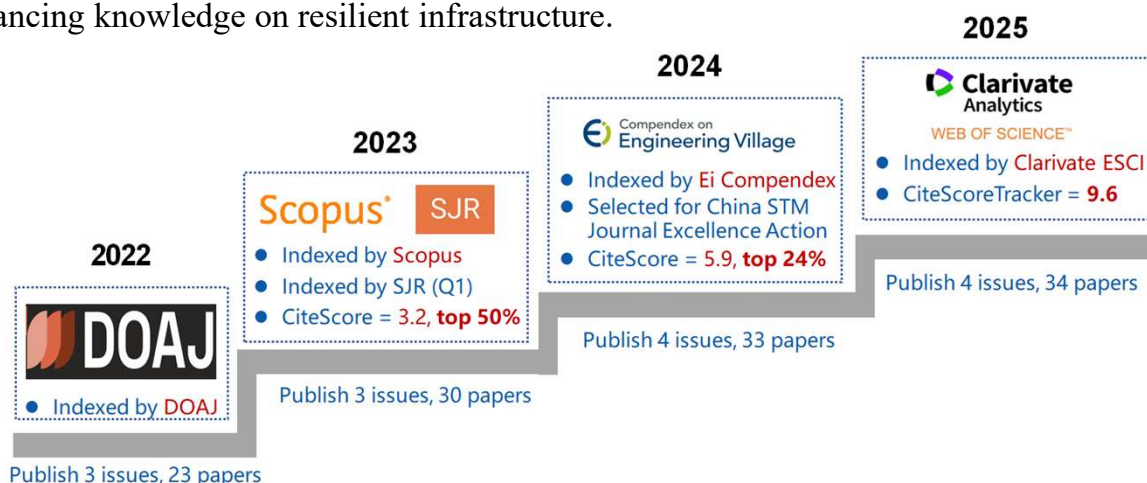
<https://www.thecivilengineer.org/events>

22–24. Intl. Conf. on Resilient Systems (ICRS 2027), Darmstadt, Germany.

<https://resilience-conference.org/>

Resilient Cities and Structures Journal evolution

The journey of Resilient Cities and Structures highlights a remarkable rise in quality, visibility, and scholarly impact. Between 2022 and 2025, the journal steadily expanded its publication capacity, increasing both the number of issues and published papers while attracting a growing international readership and author community. During this period, the journal achieved several important milestones, including indexing in DOAJ, Scopus, SJR (Q1), Ei Compendex, and Clarivate ESCI, reflecting its increasing recognition within the global research landscape. The journal also recorded a substantial improvement in citation performance, with its CiteScore rising from 3.2 in 2023 to 9.6 in 2025. These achievements demonstrate the journal's commitment to publishing high-quality research and underscore its growing influence in advancing knowledge on resilient infrastructure.



Stay Connected with IARCS

The International Association of Resilient Cities and Structures (IARCS) remains committed to advancing global resilience through research, collaboration, education, and innovation. We invite researchers, professionals, policymakers, and students to engage with our growing international community by participating in our conferences, webinars, and collaborative initiatives. Together, we can contribute to building safer, more resilient, and sustainable cities and infrastructure for future generations.

To learn more about our activities, upcoming events, and opportunities for collaboration, please visit our website and follow our latest updates.

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FEEDBACK

We value the voices of our readers and invite you to share your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions. Whether you wish to highlight emerging resilience topics, propose new themes, or contribute insights from your own work, your input plays a vital role in strengthening our community.

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