
Activity Report 2014

Fiscal Year 2014 (1 Apr 2014 – 31 Mar 2015)

I. Research Activities

1. Development and publication preparation of the “Design and Construction Manual of the Press-in Technology” by the editing committee.
2. Utilization of the “Design and Construction Manual of the Gyropress (Rotary Cutting Press-in) Method”.
 - 2-1. IPA and Japan Press-in Association (JPA) jointly held the technical workshops of the “Design and Construction manual of the Gyropress (Rotary Cutting Press-in) Method”. Those were held 10 times in 9 cities in Japan during April to July 2014 with total of 342 participants.
3. The 7th IPA Press-in Engineering Seminar, the 3rd Young Researchers’ workshop and the 2nd Foreign Researchers’ Seminar were organized by the research committee and held in Kochi in July 2014 for diffusion and enlightenment of the Press-in technology.
 - 3-1. The 7th IPA Press-in Engineering Seminar was held at the Koshin RKC hall, Kochi, from 10:30 to 17:30 on 24 July 2014. The total of 488 participants from 9 different countries attended.
 - 3-2. The 3rd Young Researchers’ Workshop was held at the Giken Ltd. head quarter in Kochi from 08:30 to 11:45 on 25 July 2014 with 30 participants from 6 universities in 7 countries.
 - 3-3. The 2nd Foreign Researchers’ Seminar was held at the Giken Ltd. head quarter in Kochi from 12:30 to 16:00 on 25 July 2014 with 18 participants from 6 countries.
4. 5th IPA Research Grant Award
 - 4-1. 10 Apr. Call for research proposals with the following schedule
 - 30 Jun. Submission deadline of proposals
(9 research proposals & 2 survey proposals were submitted.)
 - 30 Sep. Evaluation by the award committee and announcement to the winners. (7 research themes & 2 survey themes were awarded.)
 - 05 Dec. Award ceremony was held at the 5th IPA International Workshop in Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam
5. Preparation to publish the “PRESS-IN ENGINEERING 2015”.

II. International Workshop Activities

1. The 5th IPA International Workshop was held 3rd to 5th December 2014 in Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam. The total of 186 participants attended from 7 countries.
 - 1-1. 3 Dec. 18:00-20:00 Reception
 - 4 Dec. 09:10-17:00 Opening addresses, Special presentations, Official Banquet.
 - 5 Dec. 09:10-17:00 5th Award ceremony, Demonstration of the Silent Piler.
2. Reinforcement of industry-academia-government collaboration
 - 2-1 Dr. Okumura visited Shanghai on 18 to 20 September, 2014 for International Forum on Underground Space and Modern Urban Center. Dr. Okumura gave

lecture about the newest project of utilization of urban underground space of Japan including the example of application of Press-in technology.

- 2-2 Dr. Okumura visited Seoul, Korea on 23 to 26 September, 2014 for the ACUUS (Associated research Centers for the Urban Underground Space) conference, giving a seminar and exchanging information.
- 2-3 Reinforced mutual relationships with Tongji University, National University of Singapore, University of Tun Hussein of Malaysia, Viet Nam National University - Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology (HCMUT), and Ho Chi Minh City University of Architecture (UAH)

III. Committees Activities

1. Annual General Assembly

Annual General Assembly 2014 was held by e-mail during the period of 8 to 30 May 2014 and the following four agendas were unanimously accepted.

- Agendum 1: Activity report for 2013;
- Agendum 2: Income and Expenditure Report for 2013 & Auditor's report;
- Agendum 3: Activity plan for 2014
- Agendum 4: Budget for 2014

2. The report meetings for the 5th IPA International Workshop

The report meetings of the 5th IPA International Workshop were organized and held by the Research committee twice, on 18 February 2014 at IPC in Tokyo with 54 participants and on 24 February 2014 at Diban Center in Kochi with 101 attendees.

3. Public Relations Committee

Reinforcement of the IPA website, creation of new websites for IPA members, enhancement of presentation tools, and public relations activities like press release were actively carried out.

IV. Public Relations

1. Updating the IPA Website.

- 1-1. Addition and updating articles on the IPA Website for the IPA activities and the new publications.
- 1-2. A new website for IPA members was created and activated.

2. Lectures

Secretary General Dr Okumura lectured "The latest IPA activities" at the JPA (Japan Press-in Association) General Assembly on 5 June 2014.

3. Press release

The reports on the 5th IPA International Workshop, the workshop's reporting meetings as well as the result of researches were promptly released to the press.

V. Service for IPA Members

1. Recruiting New Members

Invitation activities to new Individual and Corporate members were carried out with an assist from IPA support department of Giken Ltd.

Total of Individual member: 465

Total of Corporate member: 27

*As of 31st March 2015: