FOOTBRIDGE 2008 intends to bring together urban
architects, researchers, contractors and operators,
providing the opportunity to review and discuss
the various topics associated with the development,
design, analysis, construction and maintenance of
footbridges.

The theme covers all the various issues affecting the
design and construction of footbridges, whether
social, artistic or technical, as a fusion of these is re
quired for the achievement of natural harmony be
tween the beauty of the architectural and structural
concept, the physical configuration of the local land
scape and the social attractiveness and usefulness of
the footbridge.

Topics
All major aspects related to the conception, analysis,
construction, observation and repair of footbridges
will be addressed during the conference. Representa
tive subject areas are given below:
• Planning and conceptual design
• Renovation, repair and refurbishment
• Structural analysis and behaviour
• Dynamics, vibrations and control
• New materials and innovations
• Guidelines and codes

The conference
Bridges embody the overcoming of an obstacle, the
opening of a passageway, the discovery of a way
through to the other side. Footbridges also offer op
portunities to meander above ground or water, to
take pedestrians away from the busy traffic in urban
areas and to provide unexpected views and enjoy
ment of the landscape, whether built or natural.
More and more often, footbridges are playing a cen
tral role in the urban renewal demanded by modern
society. It is clear that beauty and elegance in the ar
chitectural concept must spring from simplicity and
purity in the structural design, and touch and feel are
important aspects of a pedestrian’s experience of a
footbridge.

Following the success of the two first International
FOOTBRIDGE Conferences, in Paris 2002 and in Ven
ice 2005, the Faculty of Engineering of the Univer
sity of Porto (FEUP), in association with the Technical
Advisory Bureau for Steel Users (OTUA), France, are
pleased to announce the Third International Confer
ence FOOTBRIDGE 2008, which will be held in Porto,
Portugal, from 2 to 4 July 2008.

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and landscape planners, designers, civil engineers,
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design, analysis, construction and maintenance of
footbridges.

The abstract should be written in English and clear
ly state the purpose and the conclusions of the full
paper. The Scientific Committee will decide upon its
acceptance.

Deadlines
Abstract submission September 15, 2007 (extended)
Acceptance of abstracts October 15, 2007
Paper submission January 15, 2008
Acceptance of papers April 1, 2008
Conference proceedings
All accepted papers will be published in the
Proceedings, which will be available during the
Conference. The proceedings will include 2 page abstracts and a CD-ROM with full papers.
Footbridge awards
The Third International Footbridge Awards, which are sponsored by Bridge design & engineering, will be presented at the Footbridge 2008 conference. Interested candidates should consult the Conference website.

Young Authors Prize
A prize will be awarded to the young authors (under 35) for the best paper.

Exhibition/ Sponsorship
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