

Editorial

This special issue of U. Porto Journal of Engineering includes a selection of papers that were presented at the Symposium on Civil Engineering held during the 1st Doctoral Congress in Engineering (DCE 2015). A set of very interesting papers were presented at that session and their authors were invited to submit an extended version of their papers for inclusion in a special issue of this journal. After the reviewing process five papers have been selected covering mainly two different topics: transport infrastructures and structural dynamics and seismic analysis. The first topic is raised in an interesting paper entitled *Freeway geometric design comparison between Mexico and Portugal*. The second is brought up in four papers which cover very important and updated subjects, such as structural analysis, seismic loading characterization and losses' estimation.

All papers selected include original contributions and I'm strongly convinced that they will be a very interesting tool for the study of the referred subjects.

Finally, I would like to congratulate all authors of the published papers and emphasize that the main objectives of this congress have been achieved, namely in what concerns the training process of the students enrolled in the Doctoral Program in Civil Engineering at FEUP.

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