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From the Editor

The big news this month is that the newest edition of the *International Green Construction Code* (IgCC) has been published. The 2015 IgCC is the last edition to have the technical content developed through the traditional ICC code process. Going forward, ASHRAE 189.1, *Standard for the Design of High-Performance Green Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings*, will form the technical content of the IgCC. (Currently Standard 189.1 is an alternative compliance path in the IgCC.) Interest and attendance at the recent ASHRAE meetings in Atlanta were high due to this change. The 2015 IgCC contains several changes of interest. Check it out yourself [here](#).

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CODES and STANDARDS NEWS

The newest edition of the International Green Construction Code (IgCC) has been published. For more information, see the article below. ~Tina

The 2015 IgCC Has Arrived

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The first model code focused on affordable green building design and performance of new and existing commercial buildings, the International Green Construction Code (IgCC) has been updated and is [now available](#). Key changes in the 2015 edition address exterior lighting zones, infiltration rate testing for pervious pavement, material recycling and salvaging, material selection, acoustics, daylighting, commissioning, and much more.

GREEN BUILDING NEWS

Reusing existing buildings saves valuable resources and masonry buildings are great candidates as the article below demonstrates. ~Tina

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Old Concrete Blocks Find New Life in Repurposed Buildings

THE TIMES-TRIBUNE (SCRANTON, PA)

Concrete blocks from old buildings are finding new life through adaptive reuse in Northeast Pennsylvania, which can save money while preserving the work of local architects by turning old buildings into something new. Numerous post-industrial masonry buildings have been turned into condominiums and apartment buildings, even a physical therapy office. "The durability of masonry is why we have ruins in Rome and Greece," said architect Joseph DeScipio in [this article](#).

GREEN BUSINESS NEWS

Measuring, Managing, and Valuing a Company's Social Impacts

WBCSD.ORG

The World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD) has launched a position paper proposing the development of a harmonized approach for businesses to measure and value their interactions with society: A Social Capital Protocol. The paper outlines the need for action, introduces the Council's use of the term Social Capital, and identifies the components needed within a Protocol. It highlights the significant advances companies are making in the field of measurement and valuation, featuring examples from Alliance Trust, ArcelorMittal, BT, DSM, Holcim, J.P. Morgan, KPMG, Lafarge, Masisa, Nestlé and others. Read more [here](#).

How to Make Your Next CSR Report a Page-Turner

TRIPLEPUNDIT.COM

Corporate social responsibility reports aren't usually edge-of-the-seat thrillers, but it's possible to make them much more interesting than they typically are, writes Nana Guar. The key is to avoid pointless detail and to focus on answering big, strategically important questions. "Companies need to cut through the complexity and get back to shining a search light on what the company is actually doing," Guar argues in [this article](#).

Educational Opportunities

Save the Dates

The 2015 TMS Annual Meeting will be held at the Sheraton City Centre Hotel October 15-20, 2015. Registration will open in August. Plan on joining us for committee meetings, educational opportunities, and networking while enjoying social activities in the Hoosier State.

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