

## FOREWORD

Dear readers,

This is the first Special Issue of Academic Journal of Civil Engineering dedicated to the series of conferences ICBBM.

The 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Bio-based Building Materials held on 22-24 June 2015 in Clermont-Ferrand, France.

This first conference was highly successful and reach international audience. Nearly 160 papers have been submitted to ICBBM2015, covering a wide range of diverse and original subjects from around the world. Topics covered in this conference include natural fibres, mechanical performances and biodurability of bio-based building materials, eco-friendly binders, methodology, rammed earth, and case studies. Over 100 papers will be presented during the four parallel sessions, in addition to a further 20 papers presented during the poster sessions. We had outstanding technical calibre conference and are very grateful to the session organisers for helping us put the program together. Furthermore we are grateful to the authors for their efforts in providing their scientific contributions to the program and acknowledge as well our sponsors for their generous support that is critical for the success of the conference. Special thanks go to the International Technical and Scientific Committee for their help in revising papers.

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