



## Irish Precast Concrete Association & Engineers Ireland Host Joint Seminar

The Irish Precast Concrete Association (IPCA) , in association with Engineers Ireland, held a precast concrete seminar on October 24th in Citywest Hotel, Saggart Co. Dublin. Entitled 'Developments in Modern Precast Construction', the event attracted 120 engineers who received a series of presentations outlining the advanced precast concrete technologies available to Irish specifiers. A keynote presentation on the World Trade Centre Disaster was delivered by lead investigator, Doctor Shyam Sunder. This was followed by IPCA members presentations on the following topics:

1. Precast Twin-Wall systems
2. Precast Residential Case Studies
3. Developments in Architectural Precast Cladding
4. Commercial Precast Products
5. Precast Flooring

A second keynote address, on the subject of 'Fire Research into Heavy & Lightweight Construction' was made by Professor Ulrich Schneider of the Vienna University of Technology. Dr. Schneider outlined the significant advantage in relation to fire, of masonry construction over lightweight frame forms of construction. His presentation was supported by statistical information based on detailed insurance company records over a ten year period.

The IPCA is an association of 11 member companies who together represent roughly 70% of Ireland's industrial, commercial and civil engineering output and circa. 50% of the precast housing market. Founded in 1991, the IPCA is a constituent of the Irish Concrete Federation, based at Newlands Cross, Naas Rd. Dublin. The association recently launched its latest brochure entitled 'Precast Concrete – Ideas Products & Solutions'.

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