

March 2003 would be appointed as an accomplishments month for the construction sector in seismic engineering, by beginning the tasks of the National Register of Structural Calculation Projects Reviewers, under the administration of the Institute of Construction.

Today, the Register is a reality, thanks to the participation of diverse sources, which contributed with their vision, knowledge and effort, with the only purpose of improving the projects of structural calculations and, as a consequence, improving and improving the quality and standard of the national building.

This is how, in the first place, in August 2001 it was promulgated the Law N°19.748, which contains the mandatory resolution of perform the Structural Calculation Projects Review, incorporating in its text the proposals of the majority of institutions and sources consulted by the parliament commissions, occasion when, in an unprecedented way, it was introduced in that law, the possibility that de Minister of Housing and Urbanism, delegates in a private institution, the Construction Institute, the management and administration of the Register, which leads to the initiative at hand.

Based on that public recognition, the Minister Mr. Jaime Ravinet, decides to empower what the Law provides him, as well as delegates in the Construction Institute, the coordination of the multi-sector table which was in charge of proposing the modification of the General Ordinance of Urbanism and Constructions, and the Register Regulation.

In May 2002, it is modified the General Ordinance of Urbanism and Constructions, by the Decree N°115, and in October of the same year, it is approved the Register Regulation, by Decree N°134, becoming these instruments into the base to operation of the Register.

Everything mentioned above, allowed the subscription of an agreement between the Ministry of Housing and Urbanism and the Construction Institute in December 10th, 2002, through which the Ministry of Housing and Urbanism appoint the Construction Institute the management, administration and maintaining of the Register of Structural Calculations Project Reviewers.

Aware of the importance of this new initiative, and the responsibility that it implies, we thank the Minister of Housing and Urbanism for trusting us and delegating us such important endeavor, we also thank every professional who has collaborated in the design and its set in motion.

We assume the task not only of administering and managing the Register in an optimal way, but collaborating in the improvement of such important specialty which distinguish us in the worldwide context.

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