

TG28 - Dissemination of Indoor Air Sciences

Introducing the new Joint Coordinator



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Esko Kukkonen is Chief Engineer in the Finnish Ministry of Environment where he is in charge of the norms of energy conservation and indoor climate in Finland. Following a period as Senior Engineer in the Ministry of the Interior he was for eight years Head of the Technical Office, Administration of the University of Helsinki.

He has extensive experience as Coordinator and Manager in a variety of research projects, mainly at Helsinki University of Technology.

Esko has played active role in scientific associations in Finland and has served as a Member of the Board of the Finnish Society of Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Engineers as well as having been Chairman of its continuing education group.

He was a founding member of the Finnish Society for Indoor Air Quality and Climate.

He has served on numerous governmental committees in Finland and has authored or co-authored a host of articles in the scientific and technical press.

His involvement has certainly not been confined to national borders and he has filled prominent roles within REHVA, the Nordic Ventilation Group NVG and CEN Committees. This, allied to his association with such bodies as the Housing, Building and Planning Committee of the UN ECE, will stand him in particularly good stead as Coordinator of TG28 with its multi-national membership.

CIB-ISIAQ Task Group 28 - The Dissemination Programme

TG28 is a joint Group with ISIAQ and in the brief summary below, Esko sets out the steps that will be undertaken to achieve the stated objective of motivating indoor air specialists to take appropriate measures to remedy the current unsatisfactory situation.

Problems with the indoor air quality and climate tend to be quite common in many different buildings around the world. Many of these problems could have been avoided if the knowledge from the indoor air research had been more widely applied in the planning and building process of the houses. The

dissemination of the results of the research activities in this sector does not seem to have been sufficiently effective.

To enhance this dissemination CIB, together with ISIAQ, has founded a new common Task Group TG 28 to prepare plans for improvement. As a first step the Group will formulate a dissemination programme for actions at many levels; global, national and local. The programme will be compiled by the specialists of the Group, representing many different professions connected with indoor air problems and discussed in the meetings and in a workshop in connection with the Healthy Buildings 2000 Conference. The main target groups for the information and other forms of dissemination will be analysed. Illustrative examples from different countries and organisations will be presented. Ways and means to exploit the public media more effectively will also be proposed.

The dissemination programme will be published in the CIB Conference Year 2001 and presented on many subsequent occasions for large scale distribution among the indoor air specialists for their action.

