The Meeting of the Board brought the CIB Meetings to an end. It had certainly been as busy a series as any Board Member could recall and what set the 76th Board Meeting apart from its predecessors was (as indicated earlier) the fact that for the first time a part was held as a simultaneous Programme Committee meeting. This was a highly practical solution to the problem posed by lack of time on the previous day, which had prevented PC business from being finished. The combined meeting was able to discuss important issues of common relevance to the Board and the PC.

Reports from Committees
The Board received reports from the Chairmen of the Committees, which had met on the preceding days. All these Committees, which are set up by the Board, have a statutory obligation to report and it is not just a simple formality for the Board to ratify what took place.

On the contrary, the Board looks very carefully at all decisions and recommendations originating from the Committee meetings and where appropriate subjects them to further scrutiny.

Membership Fee System
The review of the Membership Fee System was carried forward to its conclusion with an input from the whole Board. The outcome was a set of proposals, which will be submitted to the General Assembly in Wellington, New Zealand in 2001. Members will be sent full details of these proposals so that they will be adequately briefed in advance for the discussions in Wellington.
CIB Developing Countries Fund
Acting on the recommendation of the Programme Committee, it did approve allocations to certain projects, which the Programme Committee had recommended as qualifying for assistance.

Pro-Active Approach
Business and Process Re-Engineering
The next phase in the action regarding the proposed 3rd Pro-Active Approach Priority Theme of Business and Process Re-engineering was one of the major topics to be considered by the Board and Programme Committee together. The groundwork had already been laid at an Agenda Setting Workshop in the Hague, Netherlands last September. A scoping paper is being prepared by Board Member Frits Scheublin. This will then be reviewed by a select Committee established for the purpose. All members will be notified when this is ready. The Board approved a financial allocation for the implementation work and this will be open to tender by the membership.

Performance Based Building
Still on the Pro-Active Approach, the Board approved the letting of Contracts for Compendia 2 and 3 of the Performance Based Building Programme.
These were on the Economic Benefits from Performance Based Building and on Performance Based Building Statements of Requirements.
Much attention was given to the CIB proposal for the establishment of an EU funded Thematic Network PeBBu - Performance Based Building. If finally accepted by the EU this will be a great opportunity for CIB and for the CIB Members involved, but also it will be a new venue for CIB that will require detailed attention for aspects like financial management and liabilities.

New Officers and Board 2001-2004
Another item followed up from the Meeting of the Officers’ Committee were the recommendations for the new Officers and Board for the Triennium 2001 – 2004. According to the CIB By-Laws, once every three years the retiring Board submits a proposal for the composition of the new Board to the General Assembly. (Full Members may submit further nominations that must be received by the Secretary General at least two months before the Triennial Meeting of the General Assembly.)
Cordial Farewell to Chris Pollington
This meeting marked the final occasion when Chris Pollington would attend a Board Meeting. At its close the President on behalf of the Board warmly thanked him for his long period of service.