Forthcoming Meeting

Update on the 15th World Building Congress

2nd - 6th April 2001 Wellington, New Zealand

WELCOME

It is a pleasure to welcome you to Wellington and to the 15th CIB World Building Congress, to which we have given the title ‘Performance in Product and Practice’. Searches for improved performance in the building and construction sector, and improved performance of the built environment, and creation of legislative environments to promote these improvements, have been seen in many countries in the 1990s. The search is a crucial one for all countries, because of the underpinning nature of our sector in every economy.

The outcomes from this work have contributed to the almost 190 presentations from 27 countries in the main Congress Programme, and the many more presentations to the satellite meetings being arranged in conjunction with the Congress. These papers come from a wide range of disciplines and approaches. This breadth of approach is a key distinguishing strength of CIB, and I hope we can all learn about issues from the viewpoints of other disciplines in the course of the week.

I would like to thank those responsible for defining the Technical Stream programmes, those who assisted with refereeing of papers, and all those who have helped with organisation of the Congress and its associated meetings.

I must thank too the primary sponsors of the Congress: the Building Research Association of New Zealand (BRANZ), the Building Industry Authority (BIA) (New Zealand), the Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) and the Building Control Commission (BCC) (Victoria, Australia).
But most of all I wish to thank the authors, presenters and those who are attending the Congress, for making the information transfer work. To make your stay more pleasurable, we have arranged a complementary programme that will let you talk informally with others, and see some of Wellington’s attractions. We hope that you will also be able to explore for yourself, and that when the time comes to leave you will remember your stay for the informed debate in which you have engaged, the creation and renewal of friendships, and the beauty of New Zealand.

John Duncan
CIB President

Plenary speakers list
The following are confirmed as plenary speakers to Congress sessions. They will be presenting thought-provoking speeches, or be reporting on CIB activities in various areas:

- Dr Robert Amor, University of Auckland, New Zealand.
- Mr Tony Arnel, Building Control Commission, Victoria, Australia
- Dr Wim Bakens, CIB Secretary-General
- Professor Peter Barrett, University of Salford, United Kingdom
- Prof Martin Betts, University of Salford, United Kingdom
- Mr Colin Blair, Standards Australia
- Prof Colin Davidson, Université de Montréal, Canada
- Dr Greg Foliente, CSIRO, Australia
- Dr Marleen Hermans, The Netherlands
- Prof Peter Lansley, University of Reading, United Kingdom
- Dr Andre Manseau, IRC, Canada
- Ms Chrisna du Plessis, CSIR, South Africa,
- Dr Bill Porteous, BIA, New Zealand
- Ms Françoise Szigeti, International Centre for Facilities, Canada.
- Dr Jack Snell, Director, NIST Building and Fire Research Laboratory, USA
- Mr Peter Trotman, BRE, United Kingdom,
- Ms Beth Tubbs, ICBO, USA

General Information
You can check for more details on their presentations, and the full list of papers to be presented in Technical streams, at the Congress web site www.branz.org.nz/cib/