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As always time was barely sufficient to get through the full Agenda of the Programme Committee Meeting and part was held simultaneously with the Board Meeting.

Review of Task Groups and Working Commissions
The half yearly review of Task Groups and Working Commissions was undertaken and this important exercise was considerably facilitated by the application of the updated version of the PC Monitoring Spreadsheet. Thanks to the cooperation of Coordinators this has evolved into an effective measurement indicator. Overall the review yielded a positive situation with by far the majority of Task Groups and Working Commissions clearly being engaged in productive activities. Eight Groups were terminated since they had completed their useful life and in certain cases new Groups were established to succeed them, each of course with a fresh programme.

Significantly, four new Task Groups and two new Commissions were set up. CIB has always been in the vanguard of scientific developments. Details of these additions to the scientific network were featured in the previous Issue. Invitations to take part in those judged to be of professional relevance have already been circulated to the membership.

Pro-Active Approach
The Pro-Active Approach was a central point on the Agenda. Progress to date was reviewed and the outcome of the Workshop (described above) to define criteria for the future strategy was assessed.
Particular attention was given to the next stage in implementing various aspects of Agenda 21 on Sustainable Construction and recommendations for grants from the CIB Developing Fund were made in certain instances. The Programme Committee did note that the situation as regards this first Priority Theme was highly encouraging and the next round of initiatives looked very promising.

The second and third (proposed) Priority Themes of Performance Based Building and Business and Process Re-Engineering respectively were discussed. Specific tasks related to the second Priority Theme were analysed and practical steps to formulate a strategy for the proposed third Priority Theme were put in place.

As the Workshop had recognised, a Sector of the CIB Membership is already deeply involved in different aspects of the Priority Themes through Task Groups and Commissions. The Programme Committee re-affirmed the importance of keeping all Members fully informed of developments as they proceed so that they can play their full part in this exciting series of projects.

**External Relations**
Other points on the Agenda included External Relations with special consideration for newly established organisations of potential interest to CIB. It is the policy of the Programme Committee to take a careful look at any opportunity, which arises for CIB Members to collaborate with other bodies where mutual benefit would result.

Readers will recall that the establishment of CIB Student Chapters was featured at length in CIB Information Bulletin 4/00. Three are currently in operation and the meeting accepted a fourth application from the School of the Environment Centre at the University of Brighton, United Kingdom.

It was clear that the concept of CIB Student Chapters is evincing interest and the Programme Committee noted that other applications could be expected in the short term.

**Research Manager’s Meeting and Young Research Managers’ Workshop**
Dates and venues for the Research Managers’ Meeting and Young Research Managers’ Workshop in 2001 were agreed and details of these are brought to members’ notice elsewhere.