A brief but focussed Workshop was slotted in on the day prior to the plenary meeting of the Programme Committee on 28th November 2000. The Workshop had as its objective to enable the Programme Committee to evaluate CIB’s activities to date as they related to the first two priority themes of the Pro-Active Approach, viz. Sustainable Construction and Performance Based Building. This evaluation was intended to point up areas where lessons could be learned to ensure that the Pro-Active Approach could continue to be taken forward in the optimal way in the future. At the outset it was noted that already the Pro-Active Approach had yielded positive outcomes in the form of generating new projects and Task Groups.

Certainly the Workshop did generate a plethora of ideas, critical and otherwise.
Among the points which were agreed as deserving of attention in the future were:

- The need for clarity of theme and objectives and a precise definition of the tasks involved
- A conviction among those taking part that the theme was right
- The theme must be backed up by one or more competent champions
- Resources must be mobilised and steps taken to achieve ‘buy-in’.