Ten participants attended TG37’s Meeting held in Tsukuba Japan on November 17 and 18, 2000. The meeting was hosted by Building Research Institute (BRI). Additionally, several members of IRCC were present, since the meetings were held in succession.

At this time an update on the progress of the seminar stream for the April 2001 CIB World Congress was discussed. This discussion involved many general remarks and concerns. First, Beth Tubbs noted that she had received 21 papers for review from BRANZ – the Conference Coordinator - in New Zealand. She has had several people from both TG37 and IRCC assist in the review of the papers, which she thanked at this time.

Beth Tubbs then discussed the tentative layout of the congress, which she described as follows:
- Introduction by IRCC representative
- 4 Papers by TG 37
- 9 Papers from other submitters

The comments from the reviewers to the papers prepared by TG37 members will be compiled and forwarded to the authors for corrections.

Each of the 4 papers prepared by members of TG37 were discussed at some length to assist in the formalization of the final papers. One concern raised by IRCC members is that an acknowledgement was needed to IRCC since this is where much of the content of these papers originates. It was agreed that the acknowledgement would reflect the contribution by IRCC. The drafts of each of the papers can be downloaded from http://www.icbo.org/Code_Talk/CIBTG.
Proposals for future of Task Group efforts
The purpose of this portion of the meeting was primarily to determine whether it was felt that TG37 had a future beyond the fall of next year (2001). It was felt that in order to determine this, a proposal, which highlights specific priorities and tasks, needed to be constructed. This would help determine whether such efforts should continue in the minds of the Task Group members and to CIB. It is also hoped that a clear set of priorities may also interest others who are not participating currently. Jon Traw of ICBO led a brainstorming session for the group to assist in narrowing down the main priorities for TG37. A total of 8 broad topics were identified. This information is available for download on the website at the following address http://www.icbo.org/Code_Talk/CIBTG.

It was decided to contact CIB to discuss the possibilities for continuation of TG37. Denis Bergeron and Yossy Hirano are to assist Beth Tubbs in preparing the proposal/workplan and report at the TG37 meeting in April 2001.

Other Business

Membership of TG37
First the roster was circulated to have people provide updated information. There was much concern related to the low number of participants doing the majority of the work. It was recognized that the CIB TG37 membership roster is quite long but only a couple of members actually attend the meetings. Further, it has been somewhat confusing determining who was on TG37 and who was on IRCC since the two groups have met together so often. It is hoped that having separate meetings will assist in clarifying the goals and activities of TG37 and thus generate more interest. Additionally, it is hoped that a clear workplan will also get other TG members interested in participating. Also, after some discussion it was decided that a message should be relayed to the TG37 members not present at this meeting that asks them to notify to the coordinator whether they intend to be corresponding members, active members or be removed from the list. Beth Tubbs may also communicate with CIB to seek additional input on this issue.

CIB Pro-Active Program
Greg Foliente provided an update on both the CIB Pro-active Program on Performance-Based Buildings and also the proposal that CIB has submitted to the EU for funding. With regard to the CIB Pro-Active Program there was concern by the members that the objectives had shifted from the original. More specifically, one of the original objectives was to accumulate the functional statements and performance requirements internationally for different subjects. Now the initiative had shifted to performance based building objectives as they relate to building functionality. Many Task Groups and Working Commissions had already placed a significant amount of time into compiling such data.

European Approval System
Tony Rackliffe provided a quick review of the EOTA (European Organization for Technical Approvals) and the associated European Technical Approvals. This led to a broader discussion on the overall European approvals process for products and general acceptability criteria for non-European products. Also, there was a concern expressed that the standards and approval processes within Europe were actually making policy decisions which would be inappropriate. Several of the Europeans stressed that this is not the case and that simply looking at the EOTA and associated ETA’s was misleading. It was ensured that the process is driven by the building
regulations. Olav Berge noted that he would provide a description of the overall European regulatory system for the next meeting.

**Next Meeting**
- The next meeting of TG37 will be held on April 7, 2001 in Wellington, New Zealand in conjunction with the CIB World Building Congress.
- The fall meeting of TG37 is planned to be a joint meeting with IRCC, in Canada, in September 2001. A specific date has not been set.

**NOTE:** More information on the CIB World Building Congress can be found in the Forthcoming Meetings section and in the Calendar of this Information Bulletin.