The tremendous success of the CIB W070 Brisbane 2000 Symposium in November reaffirms the importance and acceptance of the crucial role of facilities management and asset maintenance in sustaining the functionality of our built environment. The theme of Providing Facilities Solutions to Business Challenges with the emphasis on Moving Towards Integrated Resources Management was highly successful in attracting quality papers from academics and practitioners in topics ranging from strategic to operational aspects of facilities management and asset maintenance. The generous sponsorship of MCB University Press for a Best Paper Award for the Brisbane and future CIB W070 symposia, together with a special issue of Facilities based on selected papers of the Brisbane Symposium provided added incentives for participation.

The three-day symposium clearly provided a platform for presentations, for exchange of views and debates for all participants. In particular, the closing Plenary Session provided an invaluable opportunity for the W070 Committee Members to hear a cross section of views on the likely future focuses and directions of facilities management and asset maintenance. As the incoming Coordinator of W070, I am conscious of the weight of responsibilities in ensuring the continuing viability and success of future events of the Working Commission. I express my sincere thanks for supporters of the Brisbane 2000 Symposium and call upon your continue support for the next CIB W070 Symposium in 2002.

The recent gathering of Coordinators at the CIB Congress in Wellington in April 2001 offers several opportunities for inter-working commissions’ collaborations and holding of future joint symposia.

Announcement of CIB W070 Symposium 2002
The next CIB W070 Symposium will be held in Glasgow, Scotland in September 2002. The Symposium will be hosted by The Centre for Advanced Built Environment Research, CABER, an interdisciplinary research centre providing an integrated and comprehensive source of knowledge.
covering the full range of built environment issues, based at Glasgow Caledonia University. Call for paper for the 2002 Symposium will be announced in June 2001.

CIB W070 Symposium Proceedings

Note: A description of the W070 Symposium Proceedings is included in the New CIB Related Publications section of the Information Bulletin.