Work of W092: Focus Areas
Steve Rowlinson introduced the focus areas for W092 “Procurement Systems”. These focus areas are listed below. A number of leaders of focus areas were identified and it is intended that these focus areas will develop within the next six months so that, at the meeting in Trinidad, a work plan for each focus area can be proposed.

- Organisational learning; Derek Walker of RMIT to be approached to lead this group
- Impact of IT and e-commerce; Ghassan Aouad to be approached to lead this group
- Culture – already being lead by Richard Fellows as TG23 “Culture in Construction”
- Critical Research agenda – already being lead by Stuart Green in W065 “Organisation and Management of Construction”
- Appropriate procurement strategies – to be lead by Peter McDermott and possibly P D Rwelamilia
- Performance based procurement systems – a joint project with W060 “Performance Concept in Building” lead by Steve Rowlinson and George Ang

David Jaggar reported that the book edited by Peter McDermott and Steve Rowlinson entitled Procurement Systems: A Guide to Best Practice in Construction, had been published by E&FN SPON and was an essential reference for all of those involved in procurement systems.

Next meeting
It was reported that the next meeting of the Commission in 2002 would be in January at the University of Trinidad in the West Indies. It was anticipated that the meeting in 2003 would take place in India, but that was yet to be confirmed, Deakin University, Australia had also offered to host a meeting in the future, as had University of Hawaii.