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TG23 – Culture in Construction

Notes of the 7th Meeting of CIB TG23 Culture In Construction

16th January 2002, Centre of Excellence, Trinidad

This meeting of the Task Group was held following the conclusion of the international symposium on Procurement Systems and Technology Transfer. That symposium was organised locally by Dr Mike Lewis, of the University of the West Indies – our thanks to Mike Lewis for all his hard work to provide such a successful event.

This seventh meeting of the task group was attended by some 28 members, drawn from a wide variety of countries.

Coordinatorship and Mandate

Richard Fellows (co-ordinator) made two announcements – the first was to thank David Seymour, up to September 2001 the joint co-ordinator of the TG, for all his work and inspiration in setting up and helping to co-ordinate the work over the last five years. Richard is continuing – but as sole co-ordinator for the present. Fortunately, David Seymour remains active and is taking a central and lively interest in the work of the task group.

The second announcement was the extension of the mandate of TG23 to the end of 2002. That extension will first facilitate the finalisation and publication of the book and, further, enable the views of member to be gathered regarding the future objectives, work programme and desired structure for the future of the task group.

Final Outcome

The main purpose of the meeting was to consider contents and approach and to review progress towards the publication of the book, "Perspectives on Culture in Construction", to be published later this year by CIB. An outline of contents and approach was given – with emphasis on the desire for flexibility for authors as the authorities for their locality and appropriate study method(s) in order that the book reflects the rich diversity of both cultures and research approaches to the study of the topic. David Seymour and Richard Fellows will be editors for the book and will provide the introductory chapter also. Approximately half of the anticipated contents had been being received and were proceeding through a refereeing process. Further contributions had been promised to yield a total of around 15 chapters. The final publication will demonstrate the considerable progress made by members of the task group towards fulfilling the objectives set for the group at its initiation. However, the contents also shed light on the scope of work remaining to be done to assist knowledge and understanding of Culture and its impacts on practice in the industry.

Future Meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Task Group would be held in Cape Town towards the end of 2002 or the beginning of 2003 (depending on advice from the local organisers) and to be both a platform for the



launch of the TG23 book as well as to assist deciding the future of the TG and its work.