Background and Scope

The construction activity is continuously facing new demands and pressures. The impact of globalization, the advance of technology and the cultural changes are just a few of the issues that are affecting the industry. Hence, the construction industry around the world, both in developed and developing countries are facing the challenges created by these issues. The identification of the issues more critical for developing countries would help to make the research efforts to address them more effective.

This forum will bring people from these two groups of countries to discuss these issues and propose ways to address them. We also see this meeting as an opportunity to exchange experiences, knowledge and ideas in front of these issues and, hopefully, to create research initiatives that would join researchers from both, developed and developing countries, to address needs that would benefit from the contribution of both perspectives.

Objectives

The objectives of the CIB W107 2006 symposium are as follows:

- To explore and discuss about new issues and priorities that concern the construction industry in developing countries.
- To explore and discuss how developing countries should address these challenges, what can they learn from developed countries and how to get their cooperation to carry out joint efforts.
- To present and demonstrate how research and innovation can be used to help companies and countries to address current and future demands.
Who Should Attend the Symposium?

The CIB W107 2005 symposium is a major event for practitioners and researchers from developing and developed countries in the areas of design and construction management, construction economics, real estate management and facilities management. It is a significant forum for accessing recent research results from different countries, to share knowledge and to network globally with experts around the world. The symposium will bring together an international audience of construction researchers and educators, company and project managers, owners and managers of construction facilities and government officials.

Symposium Themes

The main symposium theme is “New issues and challenges in construction in developing countries”. From this perspective we are interested in, but not restricted to, the following themes:


Language

The official language of the symposium is English.

Call for Abstracts

Participants wishing to present a contribution are invited to submit an abstract, relating to the symposium themes. The abstract should be typewritten in English (preferably in MS Word or PDF format), not exceeding 200 words, on one page. The abstract should be emailed to the Symposium Secretariat by 30 April, 2005: aserpell@ing.puc.cl or kplass@dictuc.cl.

Abstract format:

1. Title: Should be 10 words or less.
2. Author(s): Provide full name of the author, organization, and email.
3. Keywords: Provide up to 5 keywords.
4. Theme: Suggest the primary symposium theme addressed in the paper.
5. Objective: Define the “tangible and measurable” objectives of the work.
6. Results: Provide a short summary of the results.
7. Methodology: Describe briefly the methodology that you are using or have used to achieve your objectives.
8. Impact: Identify how the research will impact the construction industry.

Abstracts submitted will be peer reviewed by the International Scientific Committee before acceptance. Abstracts should not include any graphics or pictures.

Important Dates

Please note the following important dates:

May 17, 2005 Submission of the abstracts (not more than one page)
May 30, 2005 Notification of acceptance of abstract
July 31, 2005 Submission of full paper
August 30, 2005 Notification on the evaluation of the paper with comments
September 30, 2005 Submission of revised final paper

Organising Bodies

CIB W107 is organising this Symposium in collaboration with the host, Pontificia Universidad Católica (PUC) de Chile.

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university's leadership in research and graduate programs has had considerable influence on Chile's cultural and scientific development.

Additional Information

Conference Website: For more information, please visit the conference website at: www.ing.puc.cl/CIBW1072006.

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