Introduction

The BEAR 2006 Conference is a landmark gathering for international academics, practitioners, professionals and policy makers concerned with the future of Built Environment Education and Research. The theme of this conference is to promote the advancement of the built environment and strengthening building education with emphasis on construction sustainability and innovation. It also is a major occasion for the CIB Working Commission W089 on “Building Research and Education” to investigate key issues around the globe on built environment education and collaborative practices.

Conference Themes

Original research papers on all topics related to education and research for the built environment, including but not limited to the following three conference sub-themes are invited:

**Teaching and Learning Sub-Themes**
- E-learning
- On-line Programme Development
- Curriculum Design
- Learning Outcome
- Performance Assessment

**Building Related Sub-Themes**
- Healthy Building
- Repair and Maintenance
- Value Management
- Property Management

**Construction Related Sub-Themes**
- Construction Safety and Quality
- Construction I.T.
- Environmental Issues
- Procurement
- Project Management

CIB W089 has identified the importance of industry and professionals’ engagement and research management within the Built Environment. Thus, these will also be key areas for contribution to BEAR 2006. Please submit your abstracts online at [www.bear2006.net/conference](http://www.bear2006.net/conference).

Important Dates

Final paper submission: 31 December 2005

Additional Information

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