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### Forthcoming Meeting

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International Symposium on  
**Construction in Developing Economies:  
New Issues and Challenges**

January 18-20, 2006  
Santiago, CHILE

Working Commission W107 Construction in Developing Economies

#### Introduction

The CIB W107 2006 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.

During this Symposium, a theme is dedicated to the Scope of CIB TG59 on "People in Construction".

#### Aims of the Congress

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.

#### Congress Topics

The main symposium theme is "New issues and challenges in construction in developing countries". From this perspective papers are welcome, but not restricted to the following themes:

- New procurement strategies for construction projects in developing countries: Public and private partnership. Design-build. Project financing.
- Business management: Ethics. Management functions. Construction marketing and strategic planning. Technology innovation and transfer.
- Housing and its improvement: Quality. Quality certification. Availability. Financing. Social housing. Construction methods. Government policies.
- People in construction: The role of women in construction. The influence of culture. Multicultural groups. Knowledge management. Training and competencies.
- Construction in a global economy: Understanding the trends and challenges. The opportunities and winning processes. Competing with foreigners. Sustainable construction.
- Construction economics: The economics of global construction. Total life cycle costing.
- Project management: The challenges of construction projects. Emerging issues in project



- management. Information technologies in project management. Case studies.
- Research and development: Innovative materials and design and construction processes. Total life cycle management. Research brokers. Innovation management. Lean construction.

### **Additional Information**

For information on this congress you can also visit the website at: [www2.ing.puc.cl/CIBW1072006/](http://www2.ing.puc.cl/CIBW1072006/)

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