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### Merger Agreement between ITcon and IT-AEC

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#### Background

Due to the general development of the Internet and of Scientific Electronic Publishing in particular refereed journal publishing is currently undergoing fundamental changes resulting in increasing demand from the academic community for open access to journal articles. In line with this development, the editors of the Electronic Journal of Information Technology in construction (ITcon) and the International Journal of IT in Architecture, Engineering and Construction (IT-AEC) decided to merge the two journals in order to create a strong Open Access journal devoted to ITC in construction research. The terms of the agreement, signed in August 2005, are as follows:

#### The Agreement

The merged journal continues under the name of Electronic Journal of Information Technology in Construction also using ITcon's Web site and layout of articles. The journal also continues to follow the Open Access policy of ITcon which has demonstrated its viability over a period of ten years.

Prof. Chimay Anumba is appointed co-editor of ITcon. Prof. Anumba also nominates a number of current IT-AEC editorial board members for inclusion in ITcon's editorial board. In the selection, aspects like regional coverage, earlier activity in supporting IT-AEC, multiple representation from the same university and

editorial functions in other competing journals are taken into consideration.

The official publisher continues to be CIB.

Such papers which have already undergone review for IT-AEC but have not been published by the former publisher Millpress are published by ITcon as rapidly as possible. Prof. Anumba secures the consent of the authors. The formatting is changed to the ITcon formatting.

#### Additional Information

To find more about the Journal, please go to the website at [www.itcon.org](http://www.itcon.org)

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