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Report on the CIB Co-sponsored Conference: "Clients Driving Innovation - Moving Ideas into Practice" held on Australia's Gold Coast in March 2006

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Background

The Second International Conference of the Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) for Construction Innovation – Clients Driving Innovation: Moving Ideas into Practice - was held on Australia's Gold Coast from 12-14 March 2006. The Conference has proven to be an outstanding success and was considered by many to be the "best conference they had attended" and a "watershed event".

Over 240 delegates representing 11 countries experienced a comprehensive selection of more than 90 industry and research focused presentations of leading-edge research and case studies across the themes of sustainable construction, industry development, meeting client needs, performance based building, information and communication technologies improving efficiencies, procurement and risk management, facilities management, and construction health and safety.



Speakers showcased new technologies and practices and discussed a range of contemporary challenges facing the industry. The applied case studies provided fantastic examples of how investment in science, research and innovation can provide industrial, commercial and economic benefits.

Of the attendees 56% represented research users and the remaining 44% represented researchers. The program featured a 50:50 split between industry/government case studies and research papers.

Keynote Presentations

Keynote presenters included:

- Prof Peter Brandon, Director, University of Salford Think Lab and Director of Strategic Programmes, School of Construction and Property Management, University of Salford (UK),
- Prof Martin Fischer, Associate Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Stanford University (USA),
- Greg Paramor, Managing Director, Mirvac Group,
- Peter Verwer, Chief Executive, Property Council of Australia,
- Dr Keith Futchter, Chief Executive Officer, ISS EastPoint Group (Hong Kong),
- Prof Arto Kiviniemi, Research Professor, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland, and
- Gualtiero Bonvino, Cresme Research Centre (Italy)

Other Meetings

The Conference provided a meeting place for various national and international groups, including the International Construction Research Alliance (ICALL), CIB TG58 'Clients and Construction Innovation', CIB W092 'Procurement Systems', and the Australian Performance Based Building Network (Aus-PeBBu) Advisory Committee and Domain Coordinators.

A CIB National Member Briefing, held during the Conference and attended by approximately 20 industry leaders from Australia's property, design, construction and facility management sectors, promoted the significant benefits of CIB membership. Attendees viewed personal video messages from President, Rodney Milford and Secretary General, Wim Bakens. These messages were followed by presentations from attending CIB Working Commissioners and Task Groups on the significant benefits of participating in CIB activities.



The CRC has tentatively scheduled a third international conference for early 2008 – this conference will build on the substantial national and international success of our 2004 and 2006 conferences.

CRC is grateful for the support of CIB and particularly its co-sponsorship of this important international event. CRC is looking forward to a continuing the relationship with CIB in future.

Proceedings

This issue of CIB Newsletter includes a separate article on the conference proceedings that can be downloaded [here](#).

