The CIB co-sponsored conference "Adaptables 2006" was hosted on 3-5 July 2006 by the Eindhoven University of Technology in the Netherlands. Over 600 delegates attended the key notes and paper presentations by researchers and practitioners from 38 countries. Leading theme was the adaptability and flexibility of buildings.

It was encouraging to see that a new generation of researchers is coming up. Many young researchers presented their work. Among them also a noticeable growing number of female researchers. A clear sign that adaptability and flexibility enjoys the interest of the next generation in research.

The papers could be split in two groups, those with a focus on flexibility in the design stage and those with a focus on modifications of the buildings while in use. Another split of interests was along the lines of designers interested in flexibility to meet changing tenants needs and on the other hand investors, more interested in flexibility to boost real estate profits. And finally the debate showed differences between those proposing futuristic approaches like inflatable buildings and those with a focus on more realistic state-of-the-art solutions.

In general it could be concluded that all these different approaches and all these different interests went very well together. Solutions proposed by one interest group in most cases did not obstruct the interests of others. On the contrary.

**Proceedings**

A separate article of the Adaptable proceedings is distributed in this newsletter and can be downloaded [here](#).

**Related Meetings**

In conjunction with the conference the following CIB Commissions held a meeting:
- TG33 – Collaborative Engineering
- TG49 – Architectural Engineering
- TG57 – Industrialisation in Construction – see separate meeting [report](#)
- W096 – Architectural Management– see separate meeting [report](#)
- W104 – Open Building Implementation – see separate meeting [report](#)