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Around the Task Groups and Working Commissions

W099 – Safety and Health in Construction

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The CIB Conference on Global Unity for Safety and Health in Construction had good representation from around the globe. The W099 Working Commission met during the conference.

Several individuals who attended the meeting committed to joining CIB and the W099 family.

To maintain continuity in the activities of W099, the activities for the next three years were outlined. These include active participation of W099 members at the CIB World Congress in Cape Town in 2007 and future W099 conferences.

In general, it was noted that researchers around the globe face essentially the same challenges in construction safety and health and that the broad dissemination of research results should be an ongoing activity.

It was recognized that this conference represented the ten year anniversary since the first conference of W099. Many of those members who were part of the initial conference are continuing to be active participants of the W099 family. With the new members, the family is getting stronger.

Publication of W099 Papers

Dr. Dongping Fang reported that papers will be selected from the conference proceedings for expanding with a view to publishing them in the journal “Safety Science”.

It was also decided to work on a special issue of safety and health in construction to be published by the ASCE Journal of Construction Engineering and Management. The ideal goal would be to have a separately published international journal on construction safety and health and this might provide the initial step in that direction. The merits of having a regularly published special issue in ASCE were also recognized as a positive accomplishment.

Future W099 Commission Meetings


2008: in conjunction with the International Conference on Health and Safety in Construction in March 2008 in Florida, USA.