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### Forthcoming Meeting

#### W084 - Building Comfortable Environments for All



## International Research Meeting: Building Comfortable and Liveable Environments for All

May 15 - 16 2008, Atlanta, USA

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### Introduction

The CIB Working Commission W084 on "Building Comfortable Environments for All" invites you to submit high quality research papers for the International Meeting in 2008 in USA. After the Rome Meeting in 2004 and the one in Verona in 2006, the new Meeting of the W084 will be held in United States.

### Topic Areas

The principal topics for the meeting are:

- Costs of Accessibility
- Harmonisation of Legislation and Standards
- Sports, Recreation and Accessible Environments
- Education and Training
- Universal Design at the Urban Scale
- Technological Tools Supporting the Accessible Environment

- Challenges in Developing Countries

### Background and Scope

The demand for comfortable, livable built environments for all is continuously creating new challenges in design. The need to accommodate the diversities of all cultures in personal requirements and lifestyles and to enable all individuals to participate in local and global society has opened the door for researchers and designers to meet the demand. The international goal is to meet the widest range of needs to the majority of our global population regardless of age, abilities and culture in both developed and developing countries.

This meeting will join people from different countries to discuss these issues and propose ways to address them. It will be an opportunity to exchange both unique and common experiences, knowledge and

ideas, bringing to the table new perspectives and hopefully encourage research initiatives that would address the demand we are all experiencing.

## Objectives

The objectives of the meeting are:

- To explore and discuss challenges, issues and priorities that concern creating a built environment for all.
- To explore and discuss how developing countries can address these challenges, what may be learned and adapted from developed countries, and how we can all join together to meet the international goal of creating a built environment for all.
- To present and demonstrate how research and innovation can be used to help all countries address current and future demands of building inclusive environments for all.

## Who Should Attend the Meeting

The CIB W084-2008 Meeting is a major event for practitioners, public administrations and researchers from developing and developed countries in the areas of design, education, accessibility and usability of facilities, support of home technologies and daily life independence.

It is a significant event for accessing recent research results from different countries, to share knowledge and to network globally with experts around the world. The meeting will bring together an international audience mostly of academics, researchers, educators and policy-makers.



## Submission of Abstracts

Abstracts (approximately 150-200 words) should be submitted, by email. Please include your correct email and postal address with the abstract. Submission for publication of papers should be submitted in the same way. They must not exceed 10 sides of A4 and must follow the standard template to be provided with further notice.

The timetable for processing abstracts and papers is as follows:

Submission of abstract	<b>15 December 2007</b>
Notification of acceptance of abstract	<b>20 January 2008</b>
Submission of first draft of paper	<b>1 March 2008</b>
Refereeing decision	<b>31 March 2008</b>
Submission of final paper	<b>20 April 2008</b>

Abstracts must be sent by email to:

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Meeting Flyer download [here](#).

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