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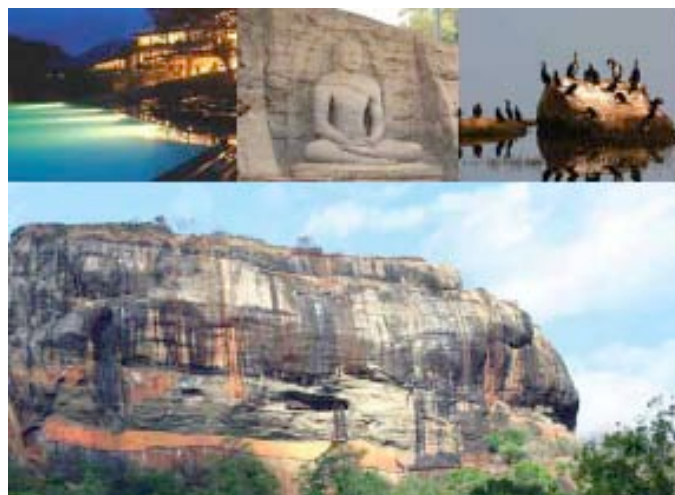
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### Forthcoming Meeting

### *Second Announcement*

### W089 - Building Research and Education

## International Conference on Building Education and Research (BEAR 2008)



**Kandalama, Sri Lanka, 10-15 February 2008**

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- EURASIA :European and Asian Infrastructure Advantage, a programme funded by the European Commission under the ASIA-LINK programme
- CIB TG53 - Postgraduate research training in Building Construction
- CIB TG63 - Disasters and the Built Environment
- CIB TG55 - Smart and Sustainable Built Environment
- CIB W107 - Construction in Developing Countries
- CIB W113 - Law and Dispute Resolution

The School of the Built Environment, together with the Research Institute for the Built and Human Environment at the University of Salford, UK, is hosting the CIB W089 Building Education and Research Conference in Sri Lanka from 10th – 15th February 2008. The Conference will be a landmark gathering for international academics, practitioners, professionals and policy makers concerned with the future of building education and research. A major theme for the 2008 BEAR Conference is to promote education and research towards a more expansive view of the life cycle of infrastructure projects, one that extends beyond the traditional cycle of feasibility analysis, planning, design, construction, operation, maintenance

and divestiture. This revised life cycle should encompass the building and construction professional's ability to anticipate and respond to unexpected events that damage or destroy an infrastructure project – from earthquakes and climate change to terrorist attacks – and reflect construction's ongoing responsibility toward an infrastructure's users. Local hosts for the conference is University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka. This will be the first CIB Working Commission to hold a conference in Sri Lanka.

## Special Features

### Keynote Speakers:

- Professor Peter Barrett, CIB President and Pro-Vice-Chancellor Research, University of Salford, UK;
- Professor Malik Ranasinghe, Vice Chancellor, The University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka;
- Professor John Ratcliffe, Director of the Faculty of the Built Environment, Dublin Institute of Technology, The Republic of Ireland;
- Associate Professor Vasantha Abeysekera, AUT University, Auckland, New Zealand; and
- Mr Conrad de Tissera, UNHABITAT Programme Manager for Sri Lanka.

### Other Special Features:

- A themed discussion on the role of the construction industry in disaster preparedness, response and reconstruction, with contributions from a range of CIB working commission and task group coordinators.
- Joint CIB publication of the CIB Working Commissions and Task Groups that identifies challenges and opportunities, recognises synergy, and proposes future work. It is hoped that a series of cross-commission and task group initiatives and workings may be established to address research gaps and focus future CIB activities.
- An event to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Sri Lanka's only BSc in Quantity Surveying degree programme, which is run by the Department of Building Economics, University of Moratuwa, Sri Lanka.
- Panel discussion on Quantity Surveying education futures, led by Professor Mel Lees, University of Salford, UK.
- Publication of two special issues of journals and a book based on selected papers from the conference.
- Meetings of several major CIB working commissions and task groups.
- Postgraduate research skills event supported by CIB Task Group 53 on postgraduate research training in building and construction.
- First ever CIB Student Chapter meeting in South Asia.
- Sponsored places for undergraduate students.

- Best paper awards published in the following themes: disaster Management, Law in the Built Environment, Property Management and Building Technology.
- Range of social activities including a welcome reception hosted by the Centre for the Education in the Built Environment.

BEAR 2008 is supported by EURASIA – an international research project that involves collaboration between Asian and European higher education Institutions – which aims to enhance the capacity of the partner institutions for training, teaching and research activities for the creation and long-term management of public and commercial facilities and infrastructure. The project includes partner institutions from the UK (The University of Salford), Sri Lanka (The University of Moratuwa and The University of Ruhuna), Estonia (The Tallinn University of Technology), and Lithuania (The Vilnius Gediminas Technical University). EURASIA is funded under the European Union's Asia Link Programme, dedicated to fostering regional and multilateral networking between Higher Education institutions in the EU and Asia. Other sponsors include Chartered Institute of Building, Centre for Education in the Built Environment, UK, Lanka Bell, Sri Lanka and Emerald Publishing – UK.

## For More Details

Conference registration is now open. Please visit the conference web site for details on [www.bear2008.org](http://www.bear2008.org).

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The second call for papers can be downloaded [here](#).

