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Introduction

The 33rd Symposium of CIB W062 Water Supply and Drainage for Buildings was held in the city of BRNO in the Czech Republic from 19 – 21 September. The Symposium was attended by 61 delegates from 18 countries. It was organized by the Working Commission W062 of The International Council for Research and Innovation in Buildings and Construction (CIB), together with the Brno University of Technology, Faculty of Civil Engineering (BUT-FCE).

Symposium Programme

The aim of the CIB W062 Symposia was to provide a forum where researchers, industrial developers and all other parties concerned, could present their latest developments, results and experiences relating to the field of water supply and drainage for buildings, ie:

- Methods and data for the design of water supply and drainage systems
- Characteristics and performances of systems, appliances and materials
- The implementation of codes and standards
- Water related sustainable construction aspects
- Industrial developments
- Health related aspects, eg Legionella and SARS

Symposium Conclusions

Two interesting trends immerged at this conference: first, that climate change aspects become an issue of concern in the building drainage field and second, that sustainability focuses now also on renovation of buildings and is the motor behind the development of new design methods, e.g for sanitary hot water systems.
For proceedings see separate article.

Technical Tours

Technical and cultural visits took place on the third day: the villa Tugendhat from the UNESCO list of monuments (designed by German architect Ludvig Mies van der Rohe and an example of functionalism in architecture), the production of bathroom ceramics in Znojmo (South Moravia) and the Lednice Chateau, with its famous Glasshouse and park.

Next W062 Annual Symposium

Just before the symposium there was a plenary meeting of CIB W062-Members where the working of the commission and the invitations for the next meetings were discussed. At this occasion the Hong Kong Polytechnic University confirmed their invitation for organising the 2008 symposium from 8 till 10 September in Hong Kong, China (contact: Dr Wong beltw@polyu.edu.hk).

Additional Information

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