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Forthcoming Meeting

W084 - Building Comfortable Environment for All

International Conference CIB W084

“Building Comfortable and Liveable Environments for All”

May 15 - 16 2008, Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Background

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 regardless of age, abilities and culture in both developed and developing countries has opened the door for researchers and designers to meet the demand.

This Conference will join people from different countries to discuss these issues. 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.

Conference Objectives

The objectives of the conference 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.

Topic Areas

Topics areas cover a wide range of issues related to Accessibility and Usability of the built environment and include the following:

- Economic Issues 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

Who Should Attend the Conference

The CIB W084-2008 Conference 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 conference will bring together an international audience mostly of academics, researchers, educators and policy-makers.

Registration

The Conference Registration fee will include a continental breakfast, lunch and breaks for the two days. Refunds of registration fees will be available until May 7.

Early registration (on or before April 25) - \$115 USD

Late registration (April 26 – May 16) - \$135 USD

For further information, contact Trin Intra at

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Contacts

Download conference brochure with detailed info or Provisional Programme and Recommended Hotels [here](#).

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You can find more information on the activities of CIB W084 at www.cibworld.nl Search under Databases/CIB Commissions. Click on Commissions and type W084 in the search field.

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