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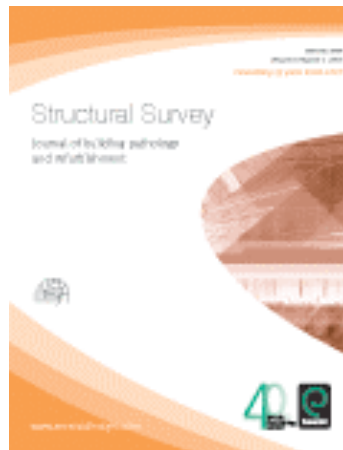
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CIB Encouraged Journals

Structural Survey

Call for Papers for the Special Issue on the Role of the Built Environment Professional in Disaster Management



News from the CIB Encouraged Journal *Structural Survey*.

Introduction

Prof. Mike Hoxley, the editor of *Structural Survey*, is pleased to announce a special issue on the role of the built environment professional in disaster management.

This special issue of the journal is being guest edited by Stephen Brown, Head of Research at the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS).

Whether a disaster is a natural event such as a flood or earthquake or caused by terrorist action, the built environment professional has a vital role to play in first of all responding urgently to the initial damage and subsequently in organizing reconstruction.

The RICS has recognized this vital role and has established a President's Commission on Major Disaster Management works to minimize the impact of major disasters affecting the built environment, for the benefit of the communities affected, regardless of their location.

The Commission aims to mobilize the collective expertise of the profession throughout the three phases of a disaster: preparedness, immediate aftermath and reconstruction, both at the strategic planning level, and on the ground. In the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami, Chartered Surveyors, working in the devastated areas, provided valuable feedback to the Commission.

This special issue is planned to promote research and scholarship into this important area.

Topics

Submitted Papers for this special issue may well deal with topics such as:

- Assessing the risk of a man-made or natural disaster occurring
- Assessing the initial damage to buildings and infrastructure
- The provision of temporary accommodation in the immediate aftermath of a disaster
- Organizing the reconstruction of buildings and infrastructure



Paper Submission

Papers must be submitted electronically to the Editor in a single WORD file:

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Original papers are invited within the theme of the role of the built environment professional in disaster management. Each paper will be subject to assessment by at least two reviewers. Full notes for contributors can be found on the journal web site at www.emeraldinsight.com/info/journals/ss/notes.jsp

Expressions of interest with proposed title and abstract are welcome. Please email submissions or any queries, or expressions of interest, to the Editor.

The closing date for submissions is: 30th June 2008.

About the Journal

Editorial Objectives

Widely regarded as a highly influential and authoritative voice in its field, Structural Survey looks at the major issues facing the profession today. Many buildings erected in the last forty years are already displaying structural defects; the conservation of historic buildings presents quite different problems; refurbishment often requires a balancing act between owner demands and health and safety regulations; materials and their suitability for construction work is another field requiring a degree of expertise. These areas and others are dealt with in a lively, literate and entertaining journal, which informs, comments and presents important case histories and research findings.

Editorial Criteria

Structural Survey aims to publish practical and occasional academic material for building surveyors, structural engineers, building service engineers, architects and all those responsible for the appraisal and refurbishment of buildings. All articles submitted for the journal are subject to a refereeing procedure.

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