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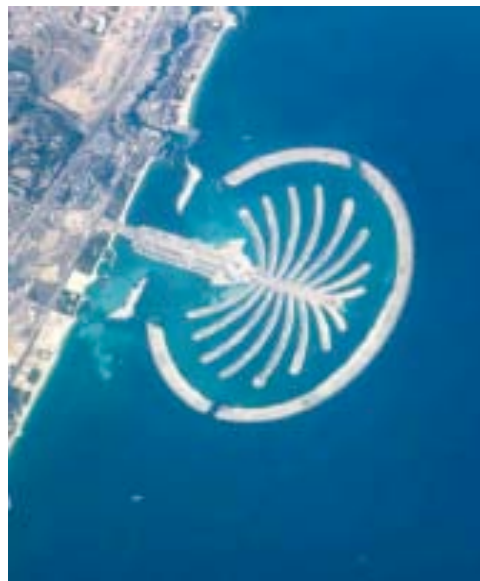
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### Forthcoming Meeting

**W055 - Building Economics / W065 - Organisation and Management of Construction**



## 13th Joint International Symposium "Transformation Through Construction"

**Dubai, United Arab Emirates, 17-19 November 2008**

### Introduction

The 13th Joint International Symposium for CIB W065/W055 will be held in Dubai and is hosted by the School of the Built Environment, Heriot-Watt University. The event will be a major gathering of Construction Researchers and Industry in a part of the world where construction is leading the transformation of the region. Major globally significant construction projects will be the subject of technical visits and it is the vision of the symposium organisers to involve the Construction Industry in the symposium to make it a vibrant and relevant occasion.

Abstracts are now invited for submission to the symposium. Abstracts can be submitted using the online submission tool at [www.cib2008dubai.org](http://www.cib2008dubai.org).

### Symposium Themes

Specific symposium themes have been carefully chosen to reflect the overarching theme of the symposium to explore 'Transformation through Construction'. The themes have also been developed to resonate with emerging contemporary concerns and the current objectives of W055 'Building Economics' and W065 'Organisation and Management of Construction' Working Commissions.

Indicative symposium themes are presented below as a guide. Academics and practitioners are encouraged to submit abstracts on all issues related to Transformation through Construction so they may share their insights at this prestigious event.

- Exploring Multiculturalism in the Construction Sector



- Innovation and Change Management
- Production Theory in Construction
- Sustainable Construction
- Impact of Construction Industry on Economy
- Managing Knowledge
- The role of academia
- Information Technology in contributing beyond efficiency
- Leadership in Construction Projects and Organizations
- Management of Small Construction Firms

### **Symposium Venue**

The symposium will be held in Dubai, one of the most concentrated areas of construction in the world. The level of activity currently underway, makes Dubai an excellent arena for a Construction symposium. The symposium will be hosted at a leading symposium and hotel facility in central Dubai.

### **Important Dates**

Call for Abstracts	<b>November 2007</b>
Latest date for abstracts	<b>25 February 2008</b>
Submission of Papers	<b>14 April 2008</b>
Paper Acceptance	<b>26 May 2008</b>
Registration Commences	<b>26 May 2008</b>
Conference Commences	<b>17 November 2008</b>

Registration will start on the 16th November and the conference will formally open on the morning of the 17th November 2008.

### **Additional Information**

Enquires about the symposium can be directed to:

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