Introduction
As President of the CIB it is my pleasure (and duty!) to host the CIB World Congress in Salford at the end of my three year term in May 2010. The Congress is an opportunity for the CIB community to gather together and take stock on major issues, whilst also enjoying the opportunity to interact on a broader front than is normal for WC/TG meetings.

The model for the event is to support CIB groups to hold their own meetings, but also to build common social events and targeted synergetic sessions. The broad theme will be around construction delivering value to society. It will be made broad enough to include the full range of technical, social and managerial topics from within the CIB, but will provide some focus to help in the development of joint activities within the Congress. These are likely to include state-of-the-art reports and launches of major pieces of work from CIB groups, as well as significant keynotes of general interest. We anticipate a wide range of activities, such as presentations, workshops, a postgraduate track, exhibitions / posters and special journal issues.

CIB Commission Meetings
In conjunction with the Conference several CIB Task Groups and Working Commissions have confirmed attendance. Many more are actively and positively considering attendance at their annual meetings and it seems likely that we will have a very wide and good level of participation.

A call for abstracts will be issues in the Autumn of 2008, when information will also be available about the social programme / trips, general travel information and a wide range of options for hotel accommodation for delegates. Salford, for those who do not know, is less than 5km from the centre of Manchester, there are good transport links in the region, including Manchester international airport. The cities have a lot of history as a major locus of the industrial revolution, but are also enjoying a renaissance with, for example, a significant part of the BBC moving out of London to complete the impressive regeneration of Salford Quays. Nearby is the Peak District, the world’s first national park, and the Lake District offering spectacular countryside. And, of course, one must not forget the cultural soccer icon of Manchester United, which is literally on the conference doorstep.

At this stage please put the dates in your diary and begin to look forward to what I hope and believe will be a memorable event.

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