



## CIB NEWS ARTICLE

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### Around the Task Groups and Working Commissions

#### W089 Building Research and Education

### Introducing the new Joint Coordinator

The CIB Programme Committee appointed Professor Melvyn Lees, University of Salford, United Kingdom, as the Joint Coordinator of CIB W089 on Building Research and Education.

#### Prof. Melvyn Lees



Below follows his short CV.

#### Previous and Current

##### Qualifications

BSc (Hons) in Quantity Surveying and Construction Economics, University of Salford – 1978  
Diploma in Arbitration (Dip Arb) – College of Estate Management, Reading 1996  
PhD (pending) Thesis – Measuring the Value of Engagement Activity between Higher Education and Industry, for submission October 2008  
Professional Associate (ARICS) – Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, 1981  
Fellow (FRICS) – Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, 1990  
Member (ILTM) – Institute of Learning and Teaching, 2000  
Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (FHEA), 2007

##### Present appointment

Head of School, School of the Built Environment, from August 2006  
School of the Built Environment, Professor of Quantity Surveying and Education from 2005

Centre for Education in the Built Environment (CEBE) - Deputy Director from April 2003  
Research Centre for Education in the Built Environment (R-CEBE), Director from May 2004

##### Previous appointments

Quantity Surveyor in private practice with Cameron Middleton and Lees in Oldham, 1974-1985  
Part-time lecturer in the School of Architecture, University of Huddersfield, 1980-1990  
Senior lecturer, Salford College of Technology, 1985-1991  
Principal lecturer, University College Salford, 1991-1992  
Head of School of Construction and Surveying, University College Salford, 1992-1996  
Department of Surveying, University of Salford, senior lecturer, 1996-1999  
School of Construction and Property Management, senior lecturer 1999-2005

##### Significant roles held

Head of School of Construction and Surveying, University College Salford, 1992-1996  
Head of Department of Surveying, University of Salford 1997-1999  
Associate Head for Teaching and Learning, School of Construction and Property Management, 1999  
Associate Director, Centre for Construction Innovation, 2000-2004  
Director of Postgraduate Studies, School of Construction and Property Management, 2003-2006

#### Journal

Prof. Lees is the editor of the CIB Encouraged Journal JEBE: the Journal from Education in the Built Environment that can be visited at:  
[www.cebe.heacademy.ac.uk/jebe/volumes\\_index.php?edition=1.1&publications=JEBE](http://www.cebe.heacademy.ac.uk/jebe/volumes_index.php?edition=1.1&publications=JEBE).



## Personal Statement

I am delighted to become joint coordinator of W089. I have been an active member of CIB since 1996 and it is a privilege to be asked to take on the role of coordinator. I believe W089 has a great future ahead and my initial focus will be on two issues:

- Developing a new and inclusive research agenda for building education.
- Broadening the membership of the commission. Specifically, I hope to build stronger relations with North and South America.

Next April (1-3), we will be holding our annual commission meeting as part of the Associated Schools of Construction Annual Conference at the University of Florida. This will provide a unique opportunity to meet with colleagues from the United States of America and I would encourage all W089 members to attend (more information is available at [www.asc2009.org](http://www.asc2009.org)).

The Commission will also meet as part of the World Congress in 2010 in Salford. However, there is no agreed host for our conference in 2011. There will be an opportunity for potential hosts to express their interest at the commission meeting in Florida where a decision will be taken on the 2011 conference.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks to Prof Martin Betts for nominating me in the first place and to all those who expressed support for my nomination. I am looking forward to a very productive period in the development of W089 and the life of CIB.

## Additional Information

For additional information about the CIB W089 meetings please contact the Coordinators: Martin Betts [m.betts@qut.edu.au](mailto:m.betts@qut.edu.au) and Melvyn Lees [m.a.lees@salford.ac.uk](mailto:m.a.lees@salford.ac.uk).

You can find more information on the activities of CIB W089 at [www.cibworld.nl/website](http://www.cibworld.nl/website) - section "Databases" - database "Commissions" - type W089 in the search field "Commission number".