Purpose of the Conference and Themes

The purpose of the conference is to bring together architects, construction professionals, researchers and students to meet and discuss from a broad perspective how recent developments in building and construction influences and alters the roles of the participants in the building industry. Special attention will be given to the changing role of clients, managing specialists, architectural designers, engineers, consultants, and contractors. Worldwide initiatives to re-value construction can be seen nowadays. A lot of attention is given to new ICT approaches, procurement routes and so on. Less attention has been given to the changing roles of the participants, and how this effects their professional and contractual position, tasks and responsibilities.

New types of procurement, changing building regulations, developments in ICT the world wide strive for re-valuing construction. At the end all have one purpose delivering better buildings by means of better managing and organising the way we built them.

Papers are invited on the sub themes Integration and collaboration, new roles new challenges and adaptable futures. These themes are for guidance and should be interpreted widely.
Conference Themes and Topics

Papers are invited on the following sub themes:

Integration and collaboration
- Contract specific briefing.
- How BIM effects the role of the building participants.
- Knowledge integration in case of integrated and PFI contracts.
- Cultural differences in international projects.
- Professional ethics and integrated procurement.
- Legal aspects of integrated and PFI contracts.
- Collaborative working in Construction
- Past Performance in construction

New roles
- New roles for clients, architects, contractors and advisors in integrated and PFI contracts.
- Changing role of design and engineering within construction.
- Global constructions and its effects on construction firms.
- The architect as the clients trustee in case of integrated and PFI contracts.
- The architect as design build contractor.
- Total engineering.
- Information and knowledge management in architectural and engineering design.
- Collaborative architectural design (integration between architectural and engineering design, construction and use).
- Multi-architect design collaboration.
- The contractor as main designer in case of integrated and PFI contracts.
- Shifting responsibilities, chances and risks in Construction and Design management.

New challenges
- Does integrated and PFI contracting lead to integrated building solutions?
- Cost quality evaluation of integrated and PFI contracts,
- Creating value trough design or creating value through contracting?
- How to define and measure better building delivery.
- Integration for sustainability, clients value and architectural value.

Adaptable futures
- Open Building Implementation process
- Market demand for future adaptability
- Case studies: successful past attempts
- The size and nature of the adaptable buildings market
- Future scenarios for various building types
- Implications for the design and construction process, the future ownership, use and management of buildings and facilities

Industry Day and Students Day

Concurrent to this conference several meetings will be organised. An Industry Day organised in collaboration with BOSS, the RE&H Students Society, will be held during this conference. A variety of leading Dutch construction firms will present themselves to the students and the conference audience. During a large round table debate, Dutch practice and the research community will debate about changing roles and the impact on the profession. Parallel to the conference a special -PhD students conference will be organised in which young researchers and a selection of the best MSc students will present and actively discuss their work. For other meetings held concurrent with this conference visit the designated website at www.changingroles.nl (to be established).

The conference Venue

The Conference and the Students Day will be held at the SS Rotterdam, one of the largest Dutch Steam Cruise Vessels and the former flag ship of the Holland - America Line. The SS Rotterdam will be opened as a four star hotel and luxury conference venue after a total rebuilt in 2009. More information on the SS Rotterdam can be found, at www.derotterdam.com/default.aspx?TaalID=2

The Industry Day will be held at the faculty of Architecture TU Delft. Free Coaches will be available from the SS Rotterdam to Delft and VV.

The SS Rotterdam is a 4 Star hotel accommodation with a variety of luxury rooms. Those who prefer a city hotel can refer to the travel information on the conference website.
Conference Fees and Registration

The conference fee for the joint conference is Euro 750 and includes a copy of the proceedings, daily lunches and refreshments, the welcome reception, a conference dinner and an excursion/site visit. Early registrations booked before July 2009 get a 10% discount. Please fill in your registration form on our website: www.changingroles09.nl (to be established, till then contact the conference secretariat).

CIB members attending the conference have a special discounted fee of 10% or 5% additional to the early bird registration discount.

Submission of Abstracts and Papers

Those interested in presenting papers at the conference are invited to send an abstract (approximately 1/2 A4 size) to the address listed below. Please ensure that your full name, titles, address details and e-mail address is listed on your abstract, as these will be formerly used by the conference organisers. Electronic submission has to be done through our website www.changingroles.nl. Your paper may not exceed 10 pages A4, and must be compliant with the instructions for authors. If you intend to send in a paper please study the key dates below seriously.

Key Dates

From now on till 1 September 2009: registrations can be made. See our website www.changingroles.nl.
- From now on till 1 April 2009: submission of abstracts.
- Authors will be notified on their abstract is accepted ultimately 1 May 2009.
- Closing date for paper submission 1 June 2009.
- Referee comments on the papers returned to the authors: 31 July 2009.
- 15 September closing date for final full paper submission.
- 5-9 October Conference.

Conference Excursions

Depending on the amount of registrations for each activity we offer the following excursions on Wednesday for all conference participants.
- Storm surge barrier and Delta works guided tour.
- NAI, the Dutch National Architects Institution and city tour through Rotterdam.
- Museum The Hague (Berlage)
- Flexible building projects in Amsterdam

There will be also several opportunities for a spouse program throughout the conference (see the conference website).

Contact Information

For further information about the conference and to register, please visit the designated website at www.changingroles09.nl.

The full conference leaflet with detailed information can be downloaded here. This also includes information concerning the spouse program.

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