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### Around the Task Groups and Working Commissions

#### W102 - Information and Knowledge Management in Building

## Conference Report CIB W102, Deconstructing Babel: Sharing Global Construction Knowledge, held in June 2009, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

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### Background

Under the responsibility of CIB Working Commission W102 "Information and Knowledge Management in Building" the conference "Deconstructing Babel: Sharing global construction knowledge" took place between June 16th and 18th, 2009 in Rio de Janeiro in parallel with TIC 2009 - IV Encontro de Tecnologia de Informação e Comunicação na Construção - IV Meeting on Information and Communication Technology in Construction.

Further information is available at <http://cibw102conference2009.ltiweb.org>.

### Latin American Interaction

The joint event provided an opportunity for wider exchange between Brazilian and foreign scholars, allowing, on one side, greater visibility and reinforcement in the international contacts for the first ones and, for those who attended the CIB event, greater reach for their proposals in relation to the Brazilian attendants. The higher visibility of the CIB amongst the Brazilian attendants is important to facilitate the inclusion of our research scholars in the domain of international research relations while the CIB is interested to incorporate the research effort that is being carried out here.

In order to allow this joint experience the panels of those presenting work at the conference were opened to the participation of all attendants and all coffee and lunch breaks happened in common spaces. All foreign speaker presentations were simultaneously translated. This way it was possible to establish an interaction between all the participants in an informal atmosphere.

Apart from that, some interaction moments were provided at the opening cocktails at the end of the first day, with a presentation of a Brazilian music group that played "chorinho" and, at the end of the proceedings on Friday a guided tour was offered to the Niemeyer Track and to the Santa Cruz Fortress in Niterói to give the foreign attendants a general view of the city, its surroundings and of some recent and relevant work.

Finally, on Friday the internal CIB W102 meeting was held where the focus was on the future developments for the work, especially the participation in the CIB World Congress to take place in Salford, UK, in May 2010.



Conference chair Sergio Leusin de Amorim

## Organization

The event was organized by the Post-Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Planning of UFF – Rio de Janeiro's Federal University in conjunction with the School of Engineering of the city of Juiz de Fora (state of Minas Gerais) Federal University, under the coordination of Professor Sergio Roberto Leusin de Amorim and Professor Maria Aparecida Hippert Cintra. We also had the participation of the Engineering Club, and financial support provided by CNPq – Brazilian Research Council - CAPES – Higher Education Personnel Improvement Coordination, the CEF – Brazilian Savings Bank – CREA-RJ – state of Rio de Janeiro Regional Architecture, Engineering and Agronomy Council - and of Optimeasy, IT company focused on construction. Finally, several professional technical institutions supported the event with its publicizing to their members, as follows: FIRJAN, ABECE, APETI, SBGC, FATOR, ABRATI, SECOVI SP, and the Engineering Institute.



The CIB Scientific Committee was chaired by Professor Celson Lima from the Universidade Nova Lisboa, Portugal while the TIC Committee was chaired by Professor Sergio Scheer from UFPR – state of Paraná Federal University.

### Participants

Total number of attendants enrolled for the joint event was of 84, with 68 at the TIC and 16 at the CIB, which entitled to the participation in all of the activities. Effective presence was of 71 attendants in total.

## Work Presented

The CIB W102 saw the presentation of 10 papers and the proceedings of the event published an extra two of authors that were unable to attend as well as four expanded summaries.

The TIC2009 saw the presentation of 11 papers, all of them included in the electronic proceedings.

### Publications

All the participants received at the time of enrolment for the event a programme that contained the summaries of the work scheduled for presentation as well as the CD with the TIC and CIB proceedings. The printed version of the CIB Proceedings is being prepared and will soon be mailed to all participants.

Apart from that the TIC papers will be made available at the [www.infohab.org.br](http://www.infohab.org.br) address and the CIB papers will be inserted in the respective database found at the ICONDA@CIBlibrary [www.irb.fraunhofer.de/CIBlibrary/about.html](http://www.irb.fraunhofer.de/CIBlibrary/about.html).

Finally, the authors of a selection of the best TIC papers, as defined by the Scientific Committee coordinators were invited to present an expanded version of their work for a special edition of the online periodical *Gestão & Tecnologia de Projetos* [ISSN 1981-1543] – Project Management & Technology, scheduled for publication in December, 2009.

## Final Appraisal

Despite the fact that the event as a whole had less participants than previous editions the general appraisal is satisfactory. We received several messages congratulating the excellent welcome and organization, and there was no incident during the event to mar the progress of the work.

## Additional Information

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