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Forthcoming Meeting

CIB World Building Congress



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Vibrant Draft Programme Announced

Attached to this newsletter (see [here](#)) is the full scientific programme as it currently stands. Over 1000 abstracts have been received and we anticipate many hundreds of papers being presented. These are grouped into themes, which means that there will be an interesting level of choice for delegates and knowledgeable audiences for the speakers.



In addition to these paper sessions there are relatively brief plenary slots at which, typically, a high level speaker will make a presentation of general interest, probably on one of the major challenges agreed with our partner global organisations (UN, WHO, OECD,

etc), a report will be launched and maybe an individual will be honoured for their contribution to our research community.

These will link to a series of open workshops where all have the opportunity to follow up on something of interest they have heard about at a plenary.

Workshops are planned around: good school design, housing provision, the financial crisis, integrated design and delivery, disaster risk mitigation and innovation in construction. In addition there will be an education debate, a mock arbitration, a launch of the SmartEco project outputs, the annual UICB seminar and a panel debate with editors and publishers of construction journals and books.

A further major element will be a series of events for postgraduate researchers involving their own major plenary session, a debate between students and supervisors, plus three targeted skills workshops. This will complement dedicated presentation sessions for individual postgraduate researcher paper dovetailed with the specialist themes mention above.

Strong Links to Journals

For most academics publication in journal papers is vitally important and the organizers of the Congress have successfully concluded arrangements with Emerald and Earthscan, with discussions progressing well with other publishers. The general arrangement is that free access to journals will be granted to

delegates for a defined period. Prizes will be given for "best papers" in several streams and opportunities for journal publication of the top papers will be provided via special issues planned for after the Congress. So far special issues have been agreed with: Facilities (W070), Structural Survey (W086), International Journal of Law in the Built Environment (W113), Journal of Engineering Design and Technology (TG59), International Journal of Disaster Resilience in the Built Environment (TG63), Journal of Financial Management in Property and Construction (TG72), Built Environment Review Journal (Student papers) and Intelligent Buildings International (W098).

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Social Programme

The social programme is firming up, especially the Gala Dinner at Old Trafford the home of Manchester United. There was a slight chance that they might have a game on the night of our event, but fortunately this is not to be. We have been amused by feedback from several Liverpool fans that they are quite interested to have a behind the scenes look at their great rival - anything to get a slight edge! MediaCityUK, right next to the conference venue is progressing apace and should be a spectacular sight for delegates by the time of the Congress.

Additional Information and Registration

The facility for registration is now active on the website and the early bird offer runs out on 26 February 2010.

Further updates on other aspects of the Congress preparations will be regularly circulated in the coming few months, but if you have any queries please visit the designated website at www.cib2010.org or contact: