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CIB Student Chapters

New Concept for the CIB Sebestyen Future Leaders Award

Background

The CIB Board recently approved conceptual changes to the way the CIB Sebestyen Future Leaders Award ("the Award") will operate.

The Board agreed that,

“The foremost purpose of the Award is to expose future leaders of the building sector to the latest developments in building research. The Award will be made to the successful proposal that best links one or more Student Chapters with already established senior researchers and research leaders in the CIB community.”

The changes are designed to ensure that Chapters that enter Proposals for the Award for 2011 will establish strong links with the CIB community in the process. In fact a Proposal for the Award will only be considered if the Chapter concerned has actively collaborated with a CIB Commission in the development of the Proposal. Further, every Proposal must be about the Chapter carrying out previously agreed work for that Commission.

That means that members of participating Chapters will enjoy the opportunity to work collaboratively with senior researchers and research leaders in a way that is unique to the CIB community.

How it will work

CIB Commissions will supply the Secretariat with details of projects they consider could be undertaken for them by a Student Chapter. It will be open for a Commission to submit its own project, or to collaborate with other Commissions in generating a joint project. The Secretariat will list the projects on the Student Chapter section of the CIB website where they can be seen by CIB Student Chapters interested in submitting a Proposal for the Award.

Proactive Chapters are encouraged to contact Commissions now to suggest suitable projects that they could carry out for those Commissions and to open a dialogue with them.

When a Student Chapter identifies a project of interest it should immediately contact the Coordinator of the relevant Commission and register interest in the project. As soon as possible after that the Chapter and Commission should begin communication to finalise the details of the proposal for the project and its constituent tasks. If more than one Chapter contacts a Commission the Commission can select which Chapter it will work with.

It is open for two or more Chapters to decide to collaborate in discussing a project with the relevant Commission and in submitting a Proposal for the Award.

Generating a proposal

Proposals submitted for the Award by CIB Student Chapters will be proposals to carry out a pre-arranged project for a CIB Commission. The Proposals will include evidence that the Chapter has discussed and agreed the nature of the task(s) with the relevant Commission. Once a Chapter has finalized a description of the project in collaboration with the relevant Commission and has obtained the agreement and support of the Commission in writing, that Chapter can enter a Proposal for the Award.

Aftermath reporting

The winner of the Award will be required to report on the project immediately after its completion. The relevant Commission will be invited to include comment in that report.

Call for Proposals and closing date for the Award in 2011

The Call for Proposals for the 2011 Award will be made early in 2011 and will be published as a news article by CIB, as well as being distributed to all Coordinators, Student Chapters, and Student Chapter Advisors.