



May 2011

**Forthcoming Meeting**

**17th International Conference "Open Building Implementation"**



**15-17 November 2011, Boston, Massachusetts, United States**

**CIB W104 - Open Building Implementation in conjunction with Build Boston**

Architecture in the Fourth Dimension: Methods and Practices for a Sustainable Building Stock will be held in Boston from Tuesday, Nov. 15 through Thursday, Nov. 17, 2011.

The conference is the 17th annual meeting of the CIB Commission on Open Building Implementation, as well as one of the forefront events in the world addressing the subject of Open Building. The annual conferences bring leading academics, practitioners, and industry leaders from all over the world into a single forum.

**What is Architecture in the Fourth Dimension**

Architecture in the Fourth Dimension implies architecture as a long-term investment, imbued with the capacity for incremental change.

In the last few years, developments internationally suggest that the open building movement and its tenets of change, levels of intervention, and distributed design-needs to both continue its focus and expand its arenas of investigation. Residential open building is no longer a speculative idea of a few

pioneer practitioners and theorists. It has or is poised to become mainstream. While disseminating information in professional journals, books and scholarly publications about the technical and methodological dimensions of residential open building still makes sense, there is reason to pose new questions or re-examine old ones.

**Conference Themes**

The conference intends to explore the following sub-themes:

- Base Building Architecture
- Infill Industry
- Incremental Housing
- Open Building for Healthcare
- Open Building in Architectural Education

The focus of the conference is two-fold: residential and healthcare architecture.

Beyond hosting lectures by prominent leaders in the field and peer-reviewed paper sessions, the conference also promises to be a truly immersive experience for



participants. In the months leading up to the conference we will hold a student competition, whose winning projects will be exhibited during the conference. We will also host panel discussions, exhibits of build open building projects, and collective events where attendees can exchange ideas, network, and socialize. During the conference, attendees will also be invited to participate in hands-on design charettes on the theme of open building, hosted by local architecture firms and populated by architecture students from prominent Boston-area universities.

## W110 - Informal Settlements and Affordable Housing

CIB Working Commission W110 will organize an international conference and meeting in conjunction with CIB W104 Open Building Implementation's 17th annual Conference in Boston, Massachusetts, November 15-17, 2011. Information on the conference is available see [here](#).

The aim of the W110 conference is to gather research results and studies of "Informal Settlements and Affordable Housing" from around the world. Researchers, students, practitioners, government officials, NGOs, and others welcome to submit papers. These papers are very useful for the improvement of informal settlements and affordable housing.

Topics addressed in the W110 Conference are

- Informal Settlements' Historical Heritage
- Affordable Housing in Urban Areas
- Informal Settlements Sustainability

Please send the abstract and paper for the W110 Conference to: Happy Santosa [happyratna@yahoo.com](mailto:happyratna@yahoo.com) and Amira Osman [AOSman@csir.co.za](mailto:AOSman@csir.co.za).



You can find more information on the activities of CIB W110 in the CIB online Database "Commissions": see [here](#). In the shown search engine type "W110" in the field "Commission number" and press "Find records".

## Important Dates

Deadline for Full Papers	<b>15 June 2010</b>
Deadline for Project Graphics	<b>15 June 2010</b>
Notification of Accepted Papers	<b>1 Sept. 2010</b>
Deadline for Final Manuscripts of Accepted Papers and	
Deadline for Final Project Graphics	<b>1 Oct. 2010</b>
General Registration Deadline	<b>15 Oct. 2010</b>

Authors must pay registration fee before this date for their work to be published in the conference proceedings.

For more information about the dates see [here](#).

## Additional Information

For further information about the conference on Architecture in the Fourth Dimension, visit the designated website at [www.open-building.org/conference2011/index.html](http://www.open-building.org/conference2011/index.html) or contact



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