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**CIB Priority Themes
Sustainable Construction**



New SB Conference series

Introduction

The "SB" conference series is well established as the premier series of international conferences dealing with the subjects of sustainable building and construction. The series was launched in the 1990's and now operates on a three-year cycle, with year 1 being focused on planning, year 2 being a series of regional and national SB conferences and year 3 featuring a global SB conference. Although all SB conference events are the responsibility of each local conference co-sponsor, the series as a whole has been sponsored at the international level by global sponsors CIB, iiSBE and UNEP-SBCI, and, as of 2011, FIDIC has agreed to become a fourth international co-sponsor.



SB10/11 Conferences

During the past three years there have been 10 national SB10 conferences, all held in 2010, and followed by the SB11 World Sustainable Building

Conference in Helsinki from 18-21 October 2011. The conclusion of the Helsinki conference marks the end of a three year commitment as SB10/11 conference manager by Bill Porteous, Assistant Secretary General of CIB, whose contribution of time to the SB10/11 conference series represented CIB's support for the series.



SB13/14 Conferences

Early this year the global co-sponsors issued a Call for Proposals for the new SB13 and SB14 conferences. From the detailed proposals received the co-sponsors selected 8 proposals for SB13 conferences, and the best proposal submitted for the SB14 conference.

As officially announced at the SB11 conference in Helsinki, the winning proposal for the SB14 World Sustainable Building Conference was a proposal from GBC Espana to hold the conference in Barcelona in October 2014.

See below table showing information about the SB13/14 Conferences.

Just as it did for the SB10/11 conference series, CIB will maintain a [SB13/14 Portal](#) on its website, updating it as new information becomes available. Associated with the Portal will be the most recent CIB news articles about the SB13/14 series, the first of which will be published shortly.

SB13/14 Conference Management

The co-sponsors have confirmed arrangements for the next 3-year management period. At a meeting attended by Nils Larsson, Executive Director of iiSBE, and Wim Bakens, Director General of CIB, both representing the global co-sponsors of the SB13/14 conference series, and Luis Alvarez-Ude, representing the SB14 conference host (GBCe), the following management arrangements were agreed:

Nils Larsson, Executive Director of iiSBE will represent the global co-sponsors (CIB, iiSBE, UNEP and FIDIC) interests in relation to the SB14 World conference. He will also develop a programme to attract a small number of global funding partners, who will provide substantial funds over the three-year period in return for marketing exposure at all SB events and in the marketing materials linked to each event.



From left to right: Luis Alvarez-Ude, Nils Larsson and Wim Bakens

Emilio Miguel Mitre of GBCe (GBC España) will represent GBCe as the SB14 Conference Host, with delegated authority from the global partners in the programme development of the SB13 events and, to the extent that SB13 organizers are willing, to guide their efforts into a coherent whole, as proposed in the SB14 proposal that has been accepted by the global co-sponsors.



The table below provides provisional information about the SB13 conferences to be held in 2013 and about the SB14 Conference to be held in Barcelona in 2014.

SB13 Conferences	Dates in 2013	Theme
SB13 Porto, Portugal	February 20-22	Sustainable building contribution to achieve the EU 20-20-20 targets
SB13 Munich, Germany	April 10-12	Implementing sustainability - Chan(g)ces
SB13 Oulu, Finland	May 22-24	Sustainable procurement in renovation and urban infill
SB13 Seoul, Korea	June 26-28	Global sustainable building assessment and marketing
SB13 Prague, Czech Republic	June 25-28	Central Europe towards sustainable building 2013
SB13 Coventry, UK	July 4-8	Integrated approaches to sustainable building: Developing theory and practice through international collaboration and learning
SB13 Graz, Austria	September 26-28	International conference on sustainable buildings - construction products and technologies
SB13 Singapore	September	Realising tropical sustainability in an holistic approach
SB14 Conference	Location and Date	Theme
SB14 World Sustainable Building Conference	Barcelona, Spain October 2014	Sustainable Building Results - Are we moving as quickly as we should?