The latest international conference of CIB W096 was held at the Vienna University of Technology, located off Karlsplatz in Vienna; a short distance from many architectural gems, including the Secession building designed by Joseph Maria Olbrich and Karlsplatz Station designed by Otto Wagner.

Conference Theme

The theme of the conference was ‘Architectural Management in the Digital Arena’, reflecting the uptake of Building Information Modelling (BIM) and associated digital technologies within the architectural, engineering and construction (“AEC”) sectors. The theme built on earlier discussions about the role of technology within the design management field and its influence on design and design roles.

Participants

Reflecting the multi-cultural membership of the working commission the participants represented a wide range of countries, including Australia, Austria, Brazil, Germany, Italy, Iran, Ireland, The Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, United Kingdom and the United States of America. The mix of nationalities and the particular challenges the AEC sector faced was a cause for much discussion about just how transferable theory, tools and techniques were from one country to another. There was also much interesting and inspiring debate about the future of architectural management, and the importance of the knowledge domain in the digital arena.

Conference Programme

The conference opened with an inspirational keynote address from Professor Christoph Ahammer, from Vienna University of Technology, on the role of BIM and digital technologies in architectural practices. This was followed by paper sessions, which covered a variety of subjects associated with the application of...
BIM and the development of architectural management. The day closed with a lively and stimulating workshop on ‘architectural management’ to discuss definitions and the design of a framework that could be of use to practitioners.

The second day also opened with a keynote, this time from Professor Bauke de Vries from the University of Technology Eindhoven, charting the historic rise of BIM and the potential for future application and development. This was also followed by paper sessions, with the day concluding with the CIB W096 business meeting.

Papers and Proceedings

The best paper award, sponsored by the journal Architectural Engineering & Design Management, was won by V. Verjav for his paper ‘Conceptualizing Design Management for Construction Projects: bridging the gaps between urban planning, architectural, and engineering design’.


Changes in Commission Leadership

Dr Ad den Otter, the CIB W096’s Press Officer, was instrumental in taking the Commission to Austria for the first time and played a major role in organizing the event. This was Dr. Otter’s final contribution as CIB W096 Press Officer, because, as he announced at the business meeting, he will now stand down to concentrate on his Architectural Design Management Systems (ADMS) programme at TU/Eindhoven.

Professor Stephen Emmitt also announced that he was standing down as joint coordinator after almost seven years in the role to allow other members of CIB W096 to take a more active role in the management of the Commission. Both Ad and Stephen will remain members of CIB W096 as the Commission moves towards its 20th anniversary in 2013.

Additional Information

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