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Cooperation Agreement by CIB and CREON

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Background

CIB and the Construction Researchers on Economics and Organisation Network in the Nordic Region (CREON) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding in February 2013.

CIB and CREON have partly overlapping constituencies and share an interest in facilitating networking and knowledge sharing among their members. Thus, CIB and CREON have discussed how both organisations can mutually benefit from increased collaboration and networking.

This Memorandum of Understanding formally creates a channel of communication between the members of CREON and the members of CIB. We hope that this will increase the opportunities for collaboration, exchange information on current and future activities, stimulate young researchers to join the international community of researchers on construction economics and organisation, and help researchers disseminate their work more widely.

CREON

CREON was founded at the sixth Nordic Conference on Construction Economics and Organisation in Copenhagen in 2011. The ambition of CREON is to take the hitherto informal network among Nordic researchers and research organisations on construction economics and organisation one step further.

The main thrust of activities will be centred on the organisation of the bi-annual Nordic conferences on construction economics and organisation and the development of new collaborative activities like PhD workshops. The conferences are typically being held in even years in early summer time.

While CREON is firmly based in the Nordic countries, it is keen to encourage researchers from all over the world to participate in its activities.

CREON has also signed a memorandum of understanding with ARCOM (Association of Researchers in Construction Management).

More information on CREON can be found at the website: http://creonnet.wordpress.com/.

Cooperation Activities

It is the hope of CIB and CREON to build on this agreement and develop new areas of cooperation over time. The value of the agreement will depend on the use made of it by our members, who may well bring new ideas for new types of cooperation.
At the outset we envisage a number of ways in which CIB and CREON might collaborate, including:

- coordination of the planning and timing of conferences,
- mutual financial benefits, for example a 20 % discount for CIB members of the conference fee at the next Nordic Conference on Construction Economics and Organisation,
- circulation of the CIB Newsletter to CREON members through a link on the CREON web site,
- promotion of our conferences more widely to our mutual benefit,
- organising webinars to debate on globally topical issues, and
- undertaking joint activities of benefit to both CIB and CREON.

Contact Points

The main points of contact are currently held by Kim Haugbølle (khh@sbi.aau.dk) on behalf of CREON and Wim Bakens (wim.bakens@cibworld.nl) on behalf of the CIB. Both will be very happy to hear from members wishing to develop links or seeking help to establish contacts amongst the members in either organisation.