Around the Commissions


The Conference

The Joint CIB W070, W111 & W118 International Conference on Facilities Management in Copenhagen 21-23 May 2014 attracted 90 participants, including academics from around the world and professionals from the Nordic countries of Europe.

The CIB Facilities Management conference is arranged biannually by CIB Working Commission W070 Facilities Management and Maintenance. The conference in 2014 was organised in collaboration with W111 Usability and W118 Clients and Users.

The conference focused on stakeholders in the built environment, the importance of increased openness, and how FM can create value for all stakeholders.

The conference programme

The conference included:
- Welcome reception in the Copenhagen Town Hall
- 3 full conference days with keynote speakers and parallel sessions with research presentations and workshops
- Practice track with invited speakers from practice and research presentations
- Site visit, presentations and conference dinner Thursday at ISS’s new international headquarters and ISS University
- Networking opportunities and dialogue among researchers and practitioners
- PhD-workshop on “How to get published” organised by the journal Facilities from Emerald
- CIB Working Commission research roadmap presentations and business meetings

Keynote presentations

The conference included 3 keynote speakers.

The opening keynote speaker was Jacob Steen Møller, Director of Facilities, DTU Campus Service, who gave the presentation: “Building a full circle FM organization at DTU”.

The second keynote speaker was Juriaan van Meel, Senior Researcher at CFM and Partner in ICOP, who gave the presentation: “From cubicles to co-working workplaces in an open world”.

The closing keynote speaker was Keith Jones, Professor, Anglia Ruskin University gave the presentation: “FM Research – Meeting the needs of Industry”.

This report summarises the outcomes from the CIB conference

The conference venue was the Technical University of Denmark, Lyngby Campus, Copenhagen. The local organizer was Centre for Facilities Management - Realdania Research with professor Per Anker Jensen as chairman of the organizing and scientific committees.
Research papers

The conference included 38 research papers, which were presented at 12 parallel sessions. 2 of these sessions were part of the special practice track, which besides research presentations also included presentations by invited speakers from practice in Denmark and Norway.

The 12 sessions covered the following themes:
- FM performance and industry maturity
- Sustainable building development
- Workplace management
- Clients and users
- Building condition and evaluation
- Energy management
- Usability and user experiences
- Sustainability and climate change
- Usability and learning environments
- FM innovation and technology
- Invited speakers and case studies
- Invited speakers and industry studies

The themes show that the conference covered a diverse mix of topics within the broad field of Facilities Management. Two topics had particular strong attention. One topic was sustainability, where climate change was the focus of some papers. The other topic was user issues, including usability and user experiences. This clearly reflects that the conference was arranged in collaboration between W070 and the working commissions W111 Usability and W118 Clients and Users.

Best papers

At the closing session a best paper award sponsored by the journal Facilities from Emerald was won by Keith Jones, Apeksha Desai and Mark Mulville for the paper: “Employing back casting principles for the formation of long term built asset management strategies - A theoretical approach”.

A special issue of Facilities will be published with selected papers from the conference. The conference organizer professor Per Anker Jensen acts as guest editor of the special issue.

CIB commissions

The three CIB commissions W070, W111 and W118 each had a business meeting during the conference. As part of the conference there also was a special joint open session concerning CIB Working Commission research roadmaps, where each of the three commission gave a presentation with a status on their development of a roadmap followed by general discussion and mutual exchange of experiences.

Organizing committee

The conference was organized by:
Professor Per Anker Jensen, Technical University of Denmark (Chair)
Associate Professor Danny Then, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (W070)
Professor Keith Jones, Anglia Ruskin University (W070)
Associate Professor Geir K. Hansen, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (W111)
Senior researcher Kim Haugbølle, Aalborg University (W118)
Professor David Boyd, Birmingham City University (W118)

Proceedings

Proceedings on this conference have been published in a separate article of this newsletter see here.