



Information Support for Building Economics

1 - 5 September 1997 University of Salford and English Lake District

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Programme

The aim of the workshop is to explore the leading edge informing technologies which will provide the support for advances in Building Economics over the next decade.

There will be two venues. The first will be a presentation at the University of Salford of their national centres and initiatives related to this area. The second will be a presentation by CIB members in the beautiful English Lake District of their research.

Venue 1: SALFORD UNIVERSITY, 1st and 2nd September 1997

Salford has established an international reputation in the field of informing technologies and has one of the largest I.T. groups in the world servicing construction.

It hosts Construct IT, the UK national Networked Centre for information technology which is being used as a possible model by several other countries.

The University has won significant sums of money to set up The National Industrial Centre for Virtual Environments with one of the leading VR groups in the world in terms of engineering applications.

In addition it has established a major super highway initiative to provide the infrastructure for many projects across industry and the community, including a "virtual chamber of commerce" linking 1000 firms to the University. Finally, it hosts the Cooperative Bank National Business and Ecology Centre providing a service to firms requiring advice on environmental issues.

The programme for the Salford visit will include presentations on these initiatives plus some of the leading research work undertaken by the University in the fields of Management and Quality and Integrated Information Systems.

Venue 2: ARMATHWAITE HALL, 3rd to 5th September 1997

On Wednesday a coach will pick up delegates and drive for about two hours to the hotel in the centre of the English Lake District. The hotel is an old manor house in 200 hectares beside Bassenthwaite Lake with ample opportunity for horse riding, walking and country sports.

The programme will feature presentations by CIB colleagues and the Organisers would particularly like to encourage young researchers to present their work in this supportive environment.

Subject areas for discussion and debate could include:

- International Data Sources
- International Cost Benchmarking
- International Industry Performance/Benchmarking
- Information Support for Construction Economics
- Integration of Cost/Performance
- Draft Outline Programme

VENUE 1:
Salford University

1st Sept:

- 3.00 Registration
- 6.00 Reception & buffet: Salford Museum and Art Gallery
- 7.30 Presentation on Economics of the Redevelopment of Manchester Docklands

2nd Sept:

- 8.45 Transport to University
- 9.15 Presentation: Salford Research
Prof. Peter Brandon
- 10.00 National Centre for IT for Constructio
Prof. M. Betts, Dr. G. Aouad, Prof. M. Alshawi
- 11.30 Management and Quality Research
Prof. P. Barrett, Dr. J. Hinks, Dr. R. Cooper
- 2.00 National Centre for Virtual Reality
Prof. R. Stone
- 3.30 National Cooperative Bank Business and Ecology Centre
Mr. Phil Barton
- 4.00 GEMISIS Programme (Superhighway Initiatives)
Prof. J. Powell
- 8.00 Dinner in China Town, Manchester

VENUE 2 :
Armathwaite Hotel
English Lake District

3rd Sept:

- 8.00 Transfer to Armathwaite Hotel
- 12.00 Lunch
- 2.00 Presentation and Discussion (Delegates)
- 8.00 Conference Dinner

4th Sept:

- o 9.30 Presentation and Discussion (Delegates)
- o 2.00 Half day excursion (for example)
Poets of Cumbria, Quad Sports, Scenic Tour, Horse Riding

5th Sept:

- o 9.30 W55 Programme and Events
- o 2.00 Depart for Manchester Airport
(Arrive airport 5.30 pm)

Note: There will be a charge of approximately £20 for the dinner in China Town. All other breakfasts, lunches and dinners will be provided from reception to departure.

Costs

The workshop is free but delegates will be required to pay the following hotel bills, which are at special discounted rates:

Approximate costs

Salford: University Halls of Residence £21.00 per night
(Strictly limited) or Copthorne Hotel (Bed and Breakfast) £85.00 per night
Lake District: Armathwaite Hall (Full Board) £300.00 all inclusive
(2 nights and 3 days)

Payment would be made direct to the hotel. Cancellation charges will be levied if cancellation occurs within one month of the event.

The cost of reception and the coach will be covered by Salford University.

Contact Address

Note: The number of delegates will need to be strictly limited and the Organisers would be grateful if an early expression of interest can be made. This will need to be confirmed within three months of the event.

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