

CIB and ISIAQ Agree a Memorandum of Understanding

Another example of what has been called A Strategic Partnership was accorded formal existence on 13th March 1997 when CIB signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the International Society of Indoor Air Quality and Climate - ISIAQ.

The respective Presidents and CIB Secretary General appended their signatures to the official document at the CIB Offices in Rotterdam and ISIAQ Administrator Dr. Douglas Walkinshaw completed the procedure by post afterwards.

CIB looks to enter into Strategic Partnerships with other international bodies of high scientific repute as a means to optimise effective collaboration through utilising the expert resources of each, hopefully to the benefit of members of both Organisations.

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The signatories about to put pen to paper. From left to right: CIB Secretary General Wim Bakens, Outgoing ISIAQ President Prof. Olli Seppänen and CIB President Assoc.Prof. Christer Sjöström. ISIAQ Administrator Douglas Walkinshaw signed afterwards.

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The signing completed - the Presidents shake hands to mark the new era of cooperation.

Extracts from the CIB-ISIAQ Memorandum of Understanding are reproduced below.

1. BACKGROUND

It is recognised by both parties that the quality of indoor air and climate is one of the major concerns of the building industry. It is also realised that the scientific community in the area of indoor air sciences has generated a considerable amount of information which has not yet been widely applied by the construction industry.

The purpose of this Draft Memorandum is to intensify the cooperation between CIB and ISIAQ which was initiated with a Memorandum of Understanding dated the 1st of November 1992.

ISIAQ is recognised as a principal world wide multidisciplinary society in the area of indoor air and climate, whereas CIB is recognised as a principal international society in the area of building research with close contacts to the building industry.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to make use of the expertise of ISIAQ to assist CIB and its members to take effective actions towards achieving better indoor climate in buildings, and to offer ISIAQ members enhanced possibilities for interaction with the construction industry and building sciences through CIB.

With the background and purpose described above it is agreed to continue cooperation between the two parties and to endeavour to intensify it for mutual benefit. For that aim the following actions will be taken:

1. CIB becomes cosponsor of the Healthy Buildings '97 Conferences.

2. A common "Programme Group" is established to specify the areas of common activities. The task of the Programme Group is to formulate a proposal for a bi-annual plan of cooperation between ISIAQ and CIB. The plan has to be accepted before its execution. Some of the opportunities for cooperation are described in Section 3 of this Memorandum of Understanding.

3. A common committee is established between CIB, ISIAQ and the International Academy of Indoor Air Sciences to plan future common activities. This committee will be entitled "Liaison Committee for International Associations for Indoor Air Quality" (LCIAIAQ). Members of this Liaison Committee will be the Presidents and Secretary-(Generals) of the three Organisations who in principle will meet once a year to discuss the policy aspects for further developing their cooperation.

3. MAIN AREAS FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN CIB AND ISIAQ DURING THE PERIOD 1997-1998

The first (and only) meeting of the Joint CIB-ISIAQ Programme Group held on 23rd July 1996 identified the following five specific areas as the foci for CIB-ISIAQ collaboration during the first two year period, 1997-1998:

- a. Newsletters and Secretarial Services
- b. Symposia and Congresses
- c. Joint Task Group (this is also the newly established TG28 - Dissemination of Indoor Air Sciences)
- d. ISIAQ Input to CIB Commissions
- e. CIB World Building Congress 1998

