

W87 - Post-Construction Liability and Insurance



The W87 Steering Committee met in Paris on 24th February 1997 to prepare the next meeting of the Commission which will take place in the premises of SMAbtp (The Mutual Building and Construction Insurance Company), 114 Avenue Émile Zola, Paris 15, France from 28th to 30th September 1997.

The meeting is at the generous invitation of Messrs. François Ausseur of the SMAbtp, Gérard Blachère and Jean Desmadryl of AUXIRBAT, Raphaël Slama of CSTB and Michel Soulard of SARETEC.

Proceedings will open with early registrations on Sunday 28th September 1997 at 18.00 hours. Already the "What's New in Member Countries?" Section will include reports on the situation in France, Uruguay and the EU, NAFTA and ASEAN.

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The W87 Steering Committee reviewed arrangements for the forthcoming 13th Meeting of the Commission in Paris from 28th to 30th September 1997. Clockwise round the table Jean Desmadryl, Coordinator Anthony Lavers, Andrew Fryer from the construction insurance sector and Fleming Lethan.

Messrs. Desmadryl and Lavers with CIB Deputy Secretary General Chris Pollington.

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The Coordinator outlines his plans for the W87 contribution to the Technical Symposium at the CIB World Building Congress in Gävle next year.

In addition presentations are scheduled on:

- The Relationship between Codes and Building Regulations and Liability
- The Role of Instructions for Use/Maintenance in Allocating Liability
- Post-Construction Liability and Insurance in International Projects:
 - Cross-border commissioning and procurement
 - International Bodies' commissioning and procurement
- Liability of a participant in a construction team for causing damage to another participant
- The possible impact of quality assurance on the burden of proof in relation to post-construction liability

There will also be detailed discussions on future work with the W87 contribution to next year's CIB Congress in Gävle, Sweden well to the fore. It is planned to finish the meeting around 16.00 hours - Thursday 30th September 1997.