

The 16th General Assembly 1998

The 16th General Assembly of CIB will be held in Gävle, Sweden on the afternoon of Thursday 11th June 1998 as an integral part of the 14th CIB World Building Congress 1998.

The General Assembly is by definition the final authority of CIB for determining its general policy and all members of CIB are entitled to be present in person or to be represented.

According to the current Constitution and By-Laws voting rights are the prerogative of Full Members.

The numbers participating in recent General Assemblies have not reached the hoped-for level although with all the other attractions of a major World Congress this situation is understandable. But it has to be said that the next one is surely of exceptional significance for all.

Previous issues of Information have featured the Strategic Plan, now in an advanced stage of development and the radical overhaul of the Constitution currently being undertaken. Reference is made to them in this Issue also.

It is at the General Assembly that final discussions and substantive decisions will be taken.

The way in which CIB has been conducted since the previous General Assembly will be reviewed and financial matters including membership fees will be considered.

New Officers and Board Members for the next triennium will be elected see the adjacent column.

Each one of these topics provides sufficient justification to warrant CIB having the benefit of members' views at first hand and there will be other agenda items of direct concern to members.

Consequently you are asked to mark the date and time in your diary now so that the next Triennium can commence with the confidence that its programme is pointing in the direction that the membership really wants it to take.



The CIB Board 1998 - 2001

The CIB By-Laws state that it is the task of the retiring Board to submit nominations for the new Board to the General Assembly and it is stipulated that the proposed nominations should be sent to Full Members three months before the General Assembly.

But Full Members also have the right to submit additional nominations and this invitation is now formally extended to them. An official letter will follow in due course.

Nominations by Full Members must be received by the Secretary General not later than two months before the General Assembly which in effect means by 31st March 1998.

It would be useful to list the other relevant clauses in the By-Laws that impact on this matter.

Firstly, not less than 16 of the elected Members of the Board must be representatives of Full Members, and not more than two Members should have their domicile in the same country.

(These numbers may well change at some future time if proposed amendments to the Constitution are

agreed but they will certainly apply to the forthcoming Board election.)

Secondly, it is stipulated that all Members of the Board shall be individuals who have particular executive experience in the field of interest of CIB.

But there is another issue not expressly stated but equally worthy of consideration.

CIB needs the best possible candidates to offer themselves for election.

Full Members should not be constrained by any false modesty and that means that an Institute or Organisation should not hesitate to put forward a candidate drawn from its own ranks if it judges this to be appropriate.

