

W86 - Building Pathology



It was a small but select group of participants who took part in the 13th Meeting of W86 - Building Pathology which the new Coordinator Bill Porteous convened on the Gypsy Lane Campus of Associate Member Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, England on 18th June 1997. This was the first meeting of the Commission since May 1995, although a useful orientation meeting attended by Dr. Bill Porteous, the then acting Coordinator (Peter Trotman), the immediate past Coordinator (Arie van den Beukel) and CIB Deputy Secretary General Chris Pollington in Rotterdam in August 1996 had helped to bridge the gap between official meetings of the Commission.

Reports Bill Porteous:

The meeting was attended by: Mr. Clive Briffett (National University of Singapore), Professor Sergio Croce (DISET - Politecnico di Milano, Italy), Mr. Peter Trotman (BRE Ltd., UK), Mr. Brian Wood (Oxford Brookes University, by invitation), Dr. Dave Wyatt (University of Brighton, UK), and Dr. Bill Porteous (Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, W86 Coordinator).

Amongst the matters discussed was the obvious congruencies between the business of W86 and that of at least five other commissions or technical groups. This was particularly true of W94 (Design for Durability) with whose members the W86 group felt a joint meeting in 1998 would be appropriate. Attendees were encouraged to supply Professor Sergio Croce (who has set up a W86 Homepage) with case studies of pathology which could be accessed by a wide range of students and staff from educational institutions, and other interested persons.

Future plans, to build on further surveying of the current W86 members activities in research and practice, include a 1998 meeting at Gävle, immediately prior to the CIB World Building Congress. (This meeting may occur with W94 as noted above.) The meeting agreed that in 1999 the W86 meeting should occur in New Zealand at the School of Architecture, Victoria University of Wellington. A call for papers will be issued early in 1998.

Bill Porteous

W86 in Oxford. From left to right: Dr. Bill Porteous (W86 Coordinator, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand), Mr. Peter Trotman (BRE Ltd., UK), Mr. Brian Wood (Oxford Brookes University, UK), Dr. Dave Wyatt (University of Brighton, UK), Mr. Clive Briffett (National University of Singapore) and Professor Sergio Croce (DISET - Politecnico di Milano, Italy).

