W70 - Management, Maintenance & Modernisation of Building Facilities

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Background

Property management and maintenance have evolved substantially in the last two decades. Buildings are no longer viewed as passive places to live and work in; they are now being regarded as dynamic resources. It follows from an economic viewpoint that buildings are assets which require management to ensure that they provide maximum tangible and/or intangible returns. From an environmental viewpoint, building life should be extended as long as possible to conserve the resources that lie within. From a sociological viewpoint, buildings should be managed to give occupier/user satisfaction both in terms of function and ambience. From an operational viewpoint, buildings require maintenance to ensure that they operate efficiently, and modernisation to prevent functional and technological obsolescence affecting their capital worth. The remit of Facilities Management has thus extended beyond pre-occupation with operational management to include amongst other things, financial, space and user management.

The industry embracing Property Management and Maintenance activities itself is projected to grow from strength to strength particularly in the developed countries of the West. Commercial, educational and health sector buildings will be commanding as much interest as the housing sector. The trend for downsizing of organisations and outsourcing of non-core activities will see the whole ambit of Built Asset Management activities being increasingly undertaken by firms able to offer this multi-faceted service. The make-up of these firms is likely to be the result of strategic alliances of which contractors will be participants within.

Objectives

The Symposium will bring together the body of knowledge and expertise on Facilities Management and Maintenance to forge closer links between the financial, sociological and operational aspects of Built Asset Management and provide feedback on building operation and performance. It will serve as a platform for coordinating the multi-faceted and multi-disciplinary interest and expertise required to realise a quality working and living environment in the Millennium.

Working Commission W70

W70 has been concerned with the need to elevate expertise in the management and care of existing buildings. Since the late Seventies, W70 has actively sought to redefine the range of functions needed, the nature of tasks involved and the inter-relativity of activities within the tasks.

Its internal structure comprises five Task Groups viz. Facilities Management; Property Management and Maintenance Systems; Condition Assessment Systems; Building Conservation and Refurbishment and The Technology of Maintenance; these Task Groups represent the main thrust of W70's work. The Commission has and continues to be a major contributor to the educational, research and practice changes which are transforming the traditional inadequate approach to Built Asset Management and Maintenance.

Call for Papers

Persons wishing to present a paper covering the realm of Facilities Management and Maintenance are invited to submit an abstract outlining the scope and nature of the paper. The abstract should not exceed
300 words and be preceded by a maximum of 5 keywords before the main text. Keynote Speakers will be selected from among the papers submitted.

**Deadlines**

Receipt of Abstracts: 15 March 1998  
Preliminary Acceptance: 15 April 1998  
Receipt of Papers: 1 July 1998  
Acceptance of Papers: 15 August 1998

**Technical Visits & Social Programmes**

Several technical visits and social programmes will be made available to participants and accompanying persons.

**Registration Fees**

The delegate registration fee includes a copy of the Proceedings, the welcome reception, lunches and a conference dinner at the Marina Mandarin Hotel. The accompanying person fee includes the welcome reception, conference dinner and two local tours.

Early Registration Fee S$ 1.250.00  
Accompanying Person Fee S$ 375.00  
(before 1 September 1998)

Registration Fee S$ 1.450.00  
Accompanying Person Fee S$ 475.00  
(on or after 1 September 1998)

Authors will enjoy a preferential rate of S$ 100.00 less than the official registration fee.

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