had made considerable progress and Professor J.M. Davies had almost completed the editorial work.

The outline of the contents is as follows:

PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS IN LIGHTWEIGHT SANDWICH CONSTRUCTIONS

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" Introduction
" Materials
" Thermal insulation and airtightness
" Acoustical behaviour
" Fire
" Durability and effect of moisture
" Cold stores and refrigerated warehouses
" Special architectural applications
" Principals of structural behaviour
" Load bearing capacity of sandwich panels
" Design procedures, design equations, design criteria
" Additional structural considerations
" Mechanical testing
" Numerical design examples
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Individual delegates presented papers for discussion and the following were featured:

· Mr. P. Hassinen reported on his experimental studies on multispansandwich panels and buckling of aluminiumcolumns.
· Mr. A. Helenius described a study on overlapped sheetings on internal supports.
· Mr. D. Karlsson reviewed the present state of harmonised European methods in fire design.
· Dr. G. Cooke showed an example of the application of 'Fire safety engineering approach' in a real case.

The agenda also included a report from the Coordinator on progress with CEN Standardisation of Sandwich Panels. The responsible organisation in CEN is CEN TC128 SC11 - Self supporting double skin metal faced insulating sandwich panels.

As regards the future work, an important development is that W56 will henceforth be regarded as a joint CIB and ECCS activity, (ECCS is the European Convention for Constructional Steelwork). Officially it will be a joint CIB-ECCS Committee with a related part of ECCS TC7.

Following consultation among the parties concerned after the Commission Meeting, it has been decided that Mr. Lars Heselius will continue as Coordinator until further notice.

W62 - Water Supply and Drainage for Buildings

The Joint Coordinator of W62, Mr. K. De Cuyper paid a glowing tribute to the Organisers of the recent International Symposium on Water Supply and Drainage which was held in Yokohama, Japan from 10th to 12th November 1997.

The Chairman of the Organising Committee was the other Joint Coordinator, Dr. Fumitoshi Kiya from the Tokyo Institute of Technology.

Generously Co-Sponsored by SHASE - The Society of Heating, Air-Conditioning and Sanitary Engineers of Japan and JSPC - The Japanese Society of Plumbing Engineers the total attendance reached well over the 200 mark.

Papers and Posters were presented and discussed under the following Themes:
· Plumbing Materials
· Design Methods for Cold and Hot Water Supply and Drainage Systems in Buildings
· Performance Evaluation Methods for Plumbing Systems and Components
· Water Recycling Systems and Water Economy
· Water Quality and Treatment Systems; Renewal of Plumbing Systems, Fixture Usage

A feature of the Symposium was a specially arranged Panel Discussion for Asian Researchers and Engineers on Promoting Cooperation and Interchange of Research and Engineering in Asia.

**W62 International Symposium in Yokohama**

The Yokohama Symposia Building was the capacious venue for last November's W62 Symposium.

Joint Coordinator Karel De Cuyper at the Opening Session and right thanking the Hosts for a job well done.
An exhibition of posters was a highlight and here CIB Deputy Secretary General Chris Pollington discusses one with Michiko Yamauchi (well known in W87 circles) and with Jaap Hogeling who will be organising this year's W62 Symposium.

The impressive Port Facilities of Yokohama made an effective backdrop to the event.

A visit to the Building Technology Laboratory at the Housing and Urban Development Corporation was one of the interesting technical visits to feature in the Programme and, as the photograph above shows, attracted a good turn out of participants.

At the W62 Commission Meeting on 10th and 12th November Jaap Hogeling was able to outline his plans for 1998.
W87 - Post-Construction Liability and Insurance

The next Plenary Meeting of W87 (the 14th in line) will take place in Uppsala, Sweden on Sunday and Monday 7th and 8th June 1998.

Coordinator Professor Anthony Lavers has mapped out the following skeleton agenda which he will shortly be discussing with the W87 Steering Committee.

· What's New in Members' Countries
· The Case Studies and their Publication
· Relationship Between Building Regulations and Post-Construction Liability and Insurance
· Post-Construction Liability and Insurance in International (Cross-Border) Projects
· Role of Instructions for Use and Maintenance in Allocating Liability

It is also hoped to discuss recent developments that have occurred within the European Union and other economic groupings.

Elsewhere in this issue of INFORMATION we are featuring contributions by two members of W87 with the aim of acquainting a wider circle with vital contemporary aspects of Post-Construction Liability.

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