

71st Meeting of the CIB Board

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It is the established procedure within CIB for the Programme Committee and Administrative Committee to meet on dates immediately prior to the Board Meeting and to report on the outcome of their discussions.

In recent years this series of meetings has also included the Officers as was the case in Gaithersburg.

The productive meetings of the Committees meant that the Board Agenda was not lacking items for discussion and further elaboration before ratification.

The main points are dealt in the accompanying reports on the respective Committee meetings.

Another matter to receive attention was a continuation of discussions on proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws as a follow-up to the Officers' Meeting.

Nobody who participated in these discussions failed to realise what a vital tool the Statutes are if CIB is to maintain its pre-eminent position in the next Millennium. Their amendment has been a collective exercise in which all stratas of the Membership have played their part.

It was not only during the actual hours of the Board Meeting in Gaithersburg that the amendments were debated but long transatlantic phone calls to CIB's Lawyer often in the small hours of the morning due to the time difference were necessary to ensure that the proposals were correctly grounded in law.

The final set of proposed amendments were circulated to Full and Associate Members on 5th March 1998 and will be a central item at the forthcoming 16th General Assembly on 11th June 1998. The General Assembly is of course the ultimate authority in this respect.

Members' attention will be drawn again to the proposed amendments in the next issue (3/98) of Information.

The Board Meeting also came up with the list of recommended candidates for Officers and Board Members for the Triennium 1998-2001. This list has been sent to Full and Associate Members in preparation for the election at the General Assembly.

Then there is the matter of how CIB will conduct its work programme in the years ahead and for some time the Programme Committee has been hard at work refining the so-called pro-active approach. More about this in John Duncan's message on the front page.

The Board discussed the Programme Committee's recommendations in this matter and in particular approved the choice of one theme to be tackled, which is to provide industry with an annotated inventory of the state-of-the-art of verified models of different aspects of building performance and the critical issues which need to be addressed for them to be available for citation and reference in building performance standards by 2001.

It took a significant decision to allocate CIB funds to commission a person to prepare a detailed plan of how this objective should be addressed - significant in that such an allocation is a departure from normal CIB practice.

There was an important interlude during the meeting when discussions were suspended to allow the signing of the second Memorandum of Understanding for a Strategic Partnership. (The first one was with ISIAQ - The International Society of Indoor Air Quality and Climate.)

At the 71st Board Meeting the Memorandum of Understanding was signed with the International Energy Agency (IEA) Implementing Agreement for a Programme of Research and Development on Energy Conservation in Buildings and Community Systems (BCS).

For the IEA/BCS Mr. Richard Karney, Chairman of the Executive Committee, signed and for CIB the President, Professor Christer Sjöström.

The purpose of this MOU is to identify and develop ways in which the IEA Implementing Agreement on Energy Conservation in Buildings and Community Systems (IEA/BCS) and CIB can engage in international collaboration to promote the attainment of their mutual objectives.

In selecting those areas judged to be of potential mutual interest, due account will be taken of the different *modi operandi* that apply in the IEA/BCS and CIB and in particular the degree of commitment, financial and otherwise, to which both parties to the projects are expected to agree.

The MOU went so far as to cite examples of avenues to possible mutual collaborations.

These were:

- To continue and expand a meaningful exchange of information on workshops and conferences held by both parties and of Newsletters and other publications.
- To explore the possibilities for organising joint events.
- To appoint representatives to counterpart bodies of interest. This will be effected by CIB appointing Coordinators (as Experts) to IEA/BCS Annexes and by IEA appointing Representatives to CIB Working Commissions and Task Groups.
- To arrange for CIB participation in the IEA Future Buildings Forum Workshops, as appropriate.
- To arrange for CIB input to IEA/BCS pre-Annex stages through state-of-the-art reports etc.
- To explore the possibilities for coordination between IEA/BCS Annexes and Working Commissions and Task Groups in the context of which joint meetings and other activities are options.

The reports from the Programme and Administrative Committees now follow and the Board recorded a sincere expression of appreciation and gratitude to the two Chairmen Dr. J.R. Duncan and Professor H.G. Meyer for their leadership. These two bodies fill indispensable roles in CIB and their members too deserve a warm note of thanks for their contributions.



Memorandum of Understanding IEA-BCS and CIB





IEA-BCS Chairman of the Executive Richard Karney and CIB President Christer Sjöström (2nd and 3rd from left) give a last look to the MOU before proceeding to sign it on behalf of their respective organisations.



Sealed with a handshake the two signatories express what their respective Organisations hope will be the outcome of the Agreement.

