

The CIB Meetings in Gaithersburg

Dr. Jack Snell and colleagues at the Building and Fire Research Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, USA were the generous hosts for the [71st Meeting of the CIB Board](#), the [58th Meeting of the CIB Programme Committee](#) and the [39th Meeting of the CIB Administrative Committee](#) and for good measure the 6th Officers' Meeting.

All took place during the last week in February and marked the concluding series of CIB policy body gatherings for the current Triennium.

Parts of the week are captured in pictures below.



The final meeting of the present Board in the Triennium 1995-1998: Above from left to right Treasurer Hans-Gerd Meyer, Secretary General Wim Bakens, President Christer Sjöström, Zoltan Gereben (half hidden), Vice-Presidents Shin Okamoto and Rachel Becker.



There was universal appreciation for the outstanding organisation and facilities which Host Jack Snell and his colleagues had provided. No one did more to lighten the burden of six days of meetings than Debbie Cramer of NIST-BFRL. Here she relaxes at a reception with her husband (extreme left) who is also a NIST Staff Member. In the picture are the Deputy Secretary General Chris Pollington and Board Member Wang Pu from the Shanghai Research Institute of Building Sciences.

A pleasing feature of this yearly series of Board and Committee Meetings is the opportunity they give to renew acquaintances with people from the host country who have earlier rendered illustrious services to CIB but who for one reason or another have stepped out of the mainstream in recent years.

To the right, Christer Sjöström is pictured with Dr. R.N. Wright a distinguished former CIB President. Not clear from the photo which was taken at Jack Snell's home, is the fact that a specially made cake iced in CIB's colours is reposing on Dick Wright's plate!



Money and membership matters are always the focal points for attention by the Administrative Committee. With the Treasurer Hans-Gerd Meyer in the Chair these two items also featured prominently at the Gaithersburg Meeting.

From right to left round the table Christer Sjöström (back to camera), Wim Bakens, Jack Snell, Chris Pollington, Shin Okamoto and Hans-Gerd Meyer.



The Programme Committee can look back on three years' of solid achievement and CIB's technical and professional activities have branched out into hitherto uncharted waters. One legacy it will leave to its successor and indeed to the CIB membership at large will be the potentially far reaching implications of the Pro-Active Approach. Above the Committee in session at Gaithersburg.

From left to right: Rachel Becker, Christer Sjöström, Toshikazu Takeda and Chairman John Duncan. John writes about the Pro-Active Approach on the front page.

Further round the table: Wim Bakens with Jack Snell and Vic Crisp in deep discussion.

