

# Report of the CIB Board for the Period 1995-1998

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## INTRODUCTION

This Report by the CIB Board to the General Assembly summarises the salient directions which CIB's activities have taken between the 15th and 16th General Assemblies i.e. during the period 1995-1998. It is tabled as Item 3 on the Agenda.

The Financial Report closes at 31st December 1997 since the General Assembly takes place well before the end of the current financial year. This report will be discussed separately at the General Assembly under Agenda Item 4.

The contents of this Report are purposely brief and factual with the minimum of comment. Moreover, it should be stated that CIB has long passed that stage in its development when all its activities could be summarised in a way that is an adequate reflection of their intrinsic significance. The degree of complexity nowadays means that any Report from the Board to the General Assembly, however comprehensive, will inevitably not do equal justice to every facet of CIB's life.

Fortunately this difficulty is overcome to a great extent by imparting information through the specific documentation produced in consequence of these activities.

The Report has been structured along the lines of the previous one, with four main parts each one covering a major sector of activities. They are:

1. The Board 1995 - 1998
2. The Programme Committee 1995 - 1998
3. The Administrative Committee 1995 - 1998
4. Financial Report 1995 - 1997

Shortly after he was elected as President of CIB in 1995, Professor Christer Sjöström wrote in the CIB Information Bulletin:

"CIB is the one international organisation which covers almost every aspect of building

research, information and documentation. Embedded in this is a special responsibility to be the best able to interpret the signs and identify the RTD needs of the future in the building society worldwide. This is necessary if we want to remain the premier international network of building researchers and professionals, and indeed is also expected of the Organisation if we are squarely to confront our prime task - to serve our Members in the best possible way.

And we certainly have the potential! The 5000 professionals from the 500 member organisations making up the CIB network together hold an unique insight and overview of the broad field of building research.

Do we have the tools? Absolutely, even if refinement and improvement is always possible and needed. The WCs and TGs operate in delimited subject areas and possess and deliver in-depth knowledge in their respective fields. They are the natural instruments for detecting the future key issues and needs of research collaboration, with the Committees (Programme Committee and Administrative Committee) and Board helping with strategic direction and, together with the General Secretariat, acting as catalysts in the starting up of new activities."

This was an ambitious but confident message. It is for the Membership to judge whether the results of the succeeding three years justified the President's call to arms.

What is not in doubt is that many different people have made a valued input in many different forms.

Certainly the outgoing Board would wish to express its wholehearted appreciation to all those who have participated in CIB affairs during the past three years. No contributions, however, have proved more significant than the efforts of Coordinators.

This particular sector of CIB Membership is vital to the realisation of its professional objectives and more is said on this in the Report on the activities of the Programme Committee.

Finally, in submitting this Report to the 16th General Assembly, the outgoing Board extends its best wishes to all Members of the CIB Fellowship.

To the new Officers and Board Members it expresses its confident hope that they will successfully discharge their tasks and responsibilities.

**Picture: Outgoing President Professor Christer Sjöstrom flanked on the left by Rafaël Slama, CSTB., France, who is proposed for re-election to the new Board and by Shin Okamoto who will beretiring as Vice President.**

