

# TG26 - Open Building Implementation



**15 - 17 June 1998**

**Espoo, Helsinki, Finland**

This Meeting was featured in the previous issue of Information.

Joint Coordinators Karel Dekker and Stephen Kendall have more to say on this Meeting:

Each meeting so far has presented evidence that the TG is a good thing: many important developments are presented, new people are brought into the group, people outside the group are informed about the idea of open building and the work of its members, and much more

At the first "kick-off" meeting in Tokyo, the next four meetings were scheduled. We have met in Delft and Washington, DC already. These meetings will be discussed as a kind of assessment in Helsinki.

The meeting after Helsinki is in Taiwan, and we will have a report on plans for it in Helsinki. In Tokyo, we also had several projects defined and volunteers stepped forward to take them up. We will have a chance in the next two meetings - Helsinki and Taiwan - to hear reports on the progress of each.

Also in Helsinki, we must make plans for the short term - that is the next 4 or 5 years. This short term question should be distinguished from the long term strategy discussion, but should - in the way meetings are organised - provide a good way for the continued discussion of long term questions, as the TG continues to grow and change.

As Joint Coordinators, we would like to propose the following points concerning short term matters for discussion in Helsinki. After discussion and modification, we hope to obtain ratification of the main outlines of this short term plan from the TG members, so we can help it to be implemented.

## **1. Meeting Schedule**

we propose to shift to one international meeting each year, combined with local / regional meetings at a frequency determined by members who organise them.

## **2. Meeting Topics and Meeting Form**

How the international meetings will be organised (formal papers in response to a call-for-papers; design workshops; product displays; public symposia, etc.) and the topic or "theme" can be cooperatively decided by the Host and the Joint Coordinators.

## **3. General Scope of the TG**

We would like to propose that the scope of TG26 be expanded gradually to include both (new and existing) Residential and Non-Residential open building as well as the neighbourhood level of real estate development. This would allow the TG to be more comprehensive in organising for sustainability on several levels.

## **4. Proposed Schedule of International Meetings in the Next 4 Years**

We propose for consideration the following schedule for international meetings

- o 1999: in North America
- o 2000: in Japan
- o 2001: in Europe
- o 2002: in China

If we can find agreement on a short term plan, its implementation can provide the organisational structure for continued growth of the TG.

**Karel Dekker and Stephen Kendall**