

TG31 - Macro-Economic Data for the Construction Industry

In fact the W55 Meeting mentioned a little later was also the inaugural meeting of TG31 - Macro-Economic Data for the Construction Industry - both Groups having decided that it would be efficient to meet in conjunction with each other.

The list of Workshop speakers at the meeting was headed by Dr. Les Ruddock, University of Salford, United Kingdom who is the Coordinator of W31 and he was able to use the occasion to explain the objectives and scope of TG31 and to initiate a discussion on its proposed work programme.

The two other papers in the Workshop by Dr. Jorge Lopes and Professor George Ofori also deal with certain problems associated with executing macroeconomic research when confronted with data whose validity was questionable.

Future Work

Two proposals for incorporation into future TG31 work were agreed.

These were:

1. The setting up of an 'International Survey of Macroinformation on the Construction Sector' to be conducted by means of a questionnaire and to be undertaken by the Coordinator and Dr. Lopes during the summer and autumn of 1998.

2. The next meeting of TG31 will take the form of a Workshop on 'Macroeconomic Issues, Models and Methodologies for the Construction Sector', particularly with reference to data issues.

The Workshop will be held in conjunction with the Joint W55 and W65 Symposium in Cape Town, 5-10 September 1999.

Abstracts Invited

This Workshop will comprise refereed papers to be published as a Volume of Proceedings.

Abstracts of 200-300 words in lengths are invited.

They should be submitted by 15th October 1998 either by e-mail to l.ruddock@surveying.salford.ac.uk or sent to:

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