

## **New Name, New Mission Statement... But Still CIB**

### **The new Constitution and By-Laws are now a fact !**

On 3rd December 1998 CIB Board Member J. de Leeuw, exercising the authority expressly given to him by the CIB Board put his signature to the Notarial Deed along with the other designated signatories and what had earlier been ratified by the General Assembly passed into practice.

Just what will the new Constitution mean for members ? A selection of the salient amendments has been made. Firstly, CIB has a new name (although the acronym 'CIB' will remain). Henceforth it will be known as :

### **International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction**

Secondly there is a new Mission Statement and here it would be useful to quote the Scope and Objectives:

#### **Scope**

The scope of CIB covers the technical, economic, environmental and other aspects of the built environment during all stages of its life cycle, addressing all steps in the process of basic and applied research, documentation and transfer of the research results, and the implementation and actual application of them.

#### **Objectives**

The objectives of CIB are to be: a relevant source of information concerning research and innovation worldwide in the field of building and construction; a reliable and effective access point to the global research community; and a forum for achieving a meaningful exchange between the entire spectrum of building and construction interests and the global research community.

Thirdly, General Assemblies are now annual events.

The authority of CIB continues to be vested in them and the practice will be to hold the annual General Assembly immediately after the annual CIB Board Meeting when the annual financial statements submitted by the Board will be reviewed, among other items.

At every third Annual Meeting of the General Assembly, coinciding with the beginning and ending of the period of office of the Board (the Triennial Meeting of the General Assembly), the CIB Officers and the members of the CIB Board will be elected.

Fourthly, the number of Officers goes up to five with the addition of the Chairman of the Programme Committee.

Moreover, reflecting what is an unstoppable trend in CIB's development, the eligibility of the largest membership category, that of Associate Membership, for election or co-option to the Board, has been increased to a theoretical maximum of six.

It has taken thousands of words and much time to arrive at this new Constitution. Every effort has been made to involve all levels in CIB and to emerge with an instrument that is in keeping with the modern situation in which CIB operates.

Throughout the deliberations the need to maintain and enhance the essence of CIB's viability has been recognised as paramount. This is the network of Working Commissions and Task Groups and their various spin-offs.

Without them there would be no need for a Constitution because there would be no members and so no CIB.

This Constitution is far from the final word. Such matters as membership representation, voting rights at General Assemblies, decision making procedures etc. will continue to be subject to scrutiny to ensure that they also evolve in line with the aspirations of the membership.



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