

SECRETARY GENERAL'S COLUMN

Communicating With Other CIB Members

The CIB Information System enables a selection of organisations or individual experts who fit a certain profile to be undertaken in a matter of seconds, and, also in a matter of seconds, to transmit a fax and/or e-mail message to the selected organisations or individual experts without having to make any costs.



This facility enables the CIB General Secretariat effectively to send messages to selected organisations or contacts. Based on this possibility, I want to offer a service to the CIB membership.

If, for example, a CIB Member University in Lithuania is considering developing a CAD-course for its students in Architecture, and if this University would like to communicate with other universities with experience in this, all that the University has to do is e-mail a message to the CIB General Secretariat which will then circulate this message among all its 150 universities.

Thus supposing that a CIB Member Organisation in the UK wants to offer a free training course in the area of building research management to researchers in European Research Institutes, all it has to do is e-mail a message to the CIB General Secretariat from where it will be forwarded to its European Member Organisations active in Research.

Take another example: there is an African CIB Member Organisation looking to put together a training course for safety management on construction sites who needs to have an input by an European expert. It has to do no more than to e-mail the message to the CIB General Secretariat who will forward it to the requested experts with the suggestion to contact the originator of the message.

Are there restrictions?

Yes, but only three.

1. Firstly the CIB Secretariat will forward messages only to and from CIB Member Organisations and Contacts and only if the criteria for selecting them equal the criteria used in the system as shown in separate texts elsewhere on this page.
2. Secondly, the message should not exceed one or two pages of text and should not include illustrations.
3. Thirdly, this service cannot be utilised for messages which have a commercial objective.

Interested?

Just contact the CIB General Secretariat.

Types of Organisations as distinguished in CIB

- 101 Research Institute
- 102 Research Programming or Commissioning Institute
- 103 Other Research

200 University

301 Construction Firm

302 Building Materials, Components and/or Equipment Producer

303 Architect

304 Building and Civil Engineering Consultant

305 Building Services Manufacturer and/or Consultant

306 Bank or other Financial Institute

307 Construction Law and/or Insurance Firm

308 Housing Corporation

309 Governmental Buildings Agency

310 Professional and/or Trade Association

311 Other Industry

401 Information and Documentation Institute

402 Standardisation, Certification, Technical Approval and/or Specification Institute

403 National, Regional or Local Government

404 Other

Regions, Sub-Regions and Countries represented in CIB

Africa

Algeria Benin Botswana Cameroon

Cape Verde Egypt Ethiopia Ghana

Kenya Malawi Morocco Mozambique

Nigeria South Africa Sudan Tanzania

Uganda Zaire Zambia Zimbabwe

Asia

Bangladesh Brunei Darussalam China PR India

Indonesia Iran Israel Israel - Gaza

Israel - Palestine Japan Jordan Korea

Kuwait Lebanon Libya Malaysia

Mongolia Nepal Pakistan Philippines

Saudi Arabia Singapore Sri Lanka Taiwan - China

Thailand United Arab Emirates Vietnam Yemen

Australia - New Zealand

Australia New Zealand Papua New Guinea

Europe

Europe Central

Austria Bosnia Bosnia and Herzegovina Croatia

Czech Republic Hungary Slovakia Slovenia

Yugoslavia

Europe East

Albania Bulgaria Poland Romania

Russia Ukraine

Europe North

Denmark Estonia Finland Iceland

Latvia Lithuania Norway Denmark

Europe South

Cyprus Greece Italy Malta

Monaco Portugal Spain Turkey

Europe West

Belgium France Germany Ireland
Luxembourg Netherlands Switzerland United Kingdom

Latin America

Argentina Brazil Chile Colombia
Costa Rica Cuba Dominican Republic Ecuador
Guyana Jamaica Peru Puerto Rico
Trinidad and Tobago Uruguay Venezuela

North America

Canada Mexico United States

Activities and Fields of Expertise

In the CIB Information System for each Member Organisation its Main Fields of Activities are indicated and for each Contact the Main Fields of Expertise are listed. However, for this no standardised terminology has so far been used.

