



Commission Meeting

Under its active leader of Dr. Rick Coble, University of Florida, W099 - Safety and Health on Construction Sites had a Commission Meeting on 27th March 1999 in Honolulu, Hawai'i. This took place in conjunction with the 2nd International Congress which is featured immediately after this report.

As a result of the discussions that took place the W099 Work Programme has been re-defined as follows:

The Commission organises Triennial World Conferences plus Annual Regional Conferences which are focused on topics of regional interest and which in principle are initiated by the respective Regional W099 Sub-Coordinators.

The Commission publishes an annual report with a re-refereed and re-edited collection of the best papers on Safety and Health on Construction Sites that are presented and discussed during its Commission Meetings and International Conferences.

The Commission has the following ongoing projects:

- Study on Future Trends in Construction Safety. Project Coordinator: Dr. Wim Schaefer, Technical University Eindhoven, Netherlands
- Study on Comparability of Safety Performance Related Data. Project Coordinator: Assoc.Prof. Marton Marossezeky, University of New South Wales, Australia
- Study on the Implementation of Health Aspects in Construction. Project Coordinator: Mr. Roto Pekka, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland
- Joint TG36 - W099 Study on Possibilities to Integrate Quality Assurance Systems, Management of Safety and Health Issues and Management of Environmental Impacts from Construction. Project Coordinator: Prof.Dr. William Malloney, University of Kentucky, USA

W099 drew up its schedule of future meetings as follows:

- Italy, Milan, 21 June 1999: CIB Commission Meeting on Safety and Health on Construction Sites
- Italy, Milan, 22-23 June 1999: Regional Symposium on Safety Coordination and Quality in Construction
- South Africa, Cape Town, 6-10 September 1999: CIB Commission Meeting on Safety and Health on Construction Sites, in conjunction with the International Symposium on Customer Satisfaction - A Focus for Research and Practice
- United States, Orlando, 20-22 February 2000: CIB Commission Meeting on Safety and Health on Construction Sites, in conjunction with ASCE Conference "Building Together"
- United States, Atlanta, May 2000: CIB Commission Meeting on Safety and Health on Construction Sites
- Portugal, Lisbon, 19-21 June 2000: CIB Commission Meeting on Safety and Health on Construction Sites, in conjunction with the International Conference on Quality Assurance in Construction
- United States, Hawai'i, Honolulu, 30 March - 1 April 2001: CIB Regional Conference on Safety and Health on Construction Sites
- New Zealand, Wellington, 2-6 April 2001: CIB Commission Meeting on Safety and Health on Construction Sites, in conjunction with CIB World Building Congress
- China PR, Hong Kong, 23-26 September 2002: 3rd International CIB W099 Conference on Safety and Health on Construction Sites

International Conference

We are indebted to Dr. Amarjit Singh for the following account of the W099 International Conference in Honolulu. His modesty forbids him making more than a passing reference to his role in coordinating this very successful event, so CIB will do it for him.

Honolulu was the exotic setting for the 2nd W099 International Conference for the Implementation of Safety and Health on Construction Sites which took place from 24th to 27th March 1999.

The paradise setting of this island was a wonderful catalyst for developing a congenial atmosphere for all participants that encouraged networking and friendship. At the final count, there were 210 registrants, with 188 attending from 21 countries. Dr. Amarjit Singh, Associate Professor at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, coordinated the Conference.

The conference site was by the famous Waikiki Beach at Hawaiian Regent Hotel. Participants were impressed by the open architecture, cool breezes, central Polynesian bar, and shopping facilities at the hotel. Participants were provided with daily lunches and entertaining evening programmes, including a spectacular display of aerial fireworks by the beach and a dinner cruise.

A colourful opening welcome session was highlighted by traditional Hawaiian prayer and chanting, followed by a flower drop of rose petals on all seated participants. That set the tone of ease and happiness for the remainder of the Conference. After Dr. Singh had opened the Conference, the Sr. Vice-President and Executive Vice-Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Dr. Dean Smith, welcomed all participants. Opening speeches were given by the Chiefs of Staff of the Governor and Mayor's Cabinet, Dr. Wim Bakens, Dr. Jimmie Hinze, and the W099 Coordinator, Dr. Richard Coble. The Governor's Chief of Staff, Mr. Sam Callejo, urged all participants to use the power of the smile in human dealings. Dr. Singh made it a special point to inform all participants that the formal dress code for the conference was Aloha attire, i.e. casual resort wear. (Ties are worn in Hawaii only if one is going to a funeral or on the way to the bank to borrow money!).

Construction Safety Week

Both the Governor of the State of Hawaii and the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu proclaimed

the week of 22nd - 28th March as CONSTRUCTION SAFETY WEEK in the State of Hawaii and City of Honolulu, respectively. They also sent messages and felicitations to the Conference.

The Conference was co-sponsored by the National Science Foundation, Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division, Hawaii Department of Transportation, Construction Education Concepts, and Carter & Burgess.

The funding by the National Science Foundation elevated the Conference to a scientific level. A 926-page set of proceedings, bound in hard cover, has been published by Balkema Publishers of Rotterdam, Netherlands and details as to how to order appear on page . Four to five parallel sessions were held in the morning and afternoon over two days featuring 125 presentations.

The Conference was further endorsed by the South Africa Institute of Building, Bechtel Environmental, International Commission of Occupational Health, National Institute of Safety and Health, and University of Hawaii.

Special meetings of CIB TG36 (as described earlier) and ASCE Construction Congress VI were held during the Conference.

Notable Array of Speakers

Distinguished speakers presented keynote addresses. They were Dr. Jimmie Hinze, Director of the M.E. Rinker School of Building Construction, University of Florida; Ms. Jennifer Shishido, Administrator of the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health Division; and Dr. Linda Goldenhar, Construction Coordinator of the National Institute of Occupational Health, USA. A booklet of the keynote speeches, edited by Dr. Singh, was printed and distributed during the Conference to each fully registered participant.

Luncheon and Dinner speakers were Gary Hamada, Administrator of the Hawaii Disability Compensation Insurance Division and Dr. Robert Burgess, CEO of Special People Hawaii. Ms. Shishido and Mr. Hamada spoke of the great strides that Hawaii has made in the last five years in safety and workers compensation insurance management. A special thank you is due to Dr. Robert Burgess for doing a special Hawaiian Chant before he departed from the Conference.

A highlight was a lunch speech by the W099 Coordinator, Dr. Richard Coble. This speech was adequate testimony to the great international family that is CIB W099. Dr. Coble was presented with a turban by Mr. Larry Hazzard, representative of Carter & Burgess. Dr. Singh tied the turban on Dr. Coble; now Dr. Coble knows what's under that turban of Dr. Singh and surely won't ask that question again!

Many participants took advantage of this Conference in Hawaii to plan pre- and post - conference tours to neighbouring islands. Interestingly, participants who had made plans for sightseeing tours during the conference ended up cancelling that programme upon seeing the excellent technical quality of presentations.

Overall, the Conference was marked with fun and gaiety, serious technical sessions, well-planned and coordinated events, entertaining social programmes, and plenty of networking. Incidentally, it was the birthday of Wim Bakens and Cosima Scheggi during that week and the musicians on the cruise sung a special Happy Birthday to them both.

Congratulations are in order to all who participated and contributed to the success of this highly unusual and special CIB Conference.

Amarjit Singh

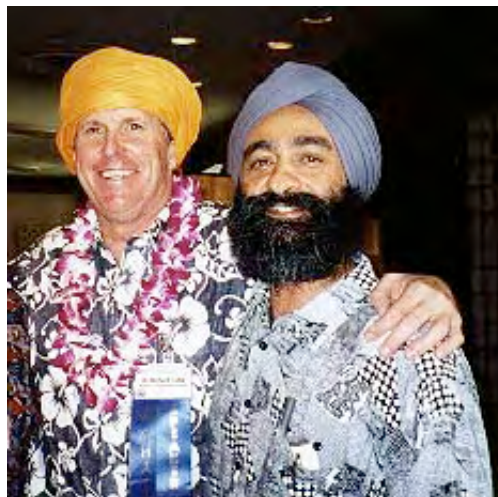
A remarkable mix



The Report described the W099 Conference as highly unusual in several ways. Certainly few if any CIB conferences can have been opened with a Hawaiian Prayer Dance.



The fun continued throughout with an Aloha Evening.



The persons mainly responsible for this most successful event : W099 Coordinator Rick Coble and Amarjit Singh.



Rick Coble enlivens a Conference lunch by presenting his team of active W099 Members.



At the Conference itself, Jeff Lew (on right) Boyd Paulson, Kenneth Walsh and Howard Bashford.



By happy coincidence Secretary General Wim Bakens was able to spend his birthday in Honolulu. Here he thanks Amarjit Singh for a present to make the occasion.