**W092 - Procurement Systems**

News on W092 has been forthcoming from both Joint Coordinators.

Firstly Steve Rowlinson reports on the Cape Town Meeting.

W092 had an enjoyable meeting in Cape Town made all the more productive by joining with W065 and W055. As well as benefiting from the hospitality of the South Africans and being treated to some excellent paper presentations, the business part of the meeting is reported below.

**Work of W092: Focus Areas**

Joint Coordinator Steve Rowlinson introduced the six focus areas for the Commission. These are:

- Sustainability
- Organisational Learning
- Impact of IT on Procurement
- Partnering
- Culture
- E-Commerce

A number of leaders for the focus areas were identified and it is intended that these focus areas will develop over the next six months so that at the next meeting in Chile, a work plan for each focus area can be identified.

Steve Rowlinson reported that the book edited by Peter McDermott and himself entitled Procurement systems: a guide to best practice, had recently been published by E & FN Spon and was now available for purchase. More details of this are available on the W092 Home Page: [http://hkusury2.hku.hk/cibw92](http://hkusury2.hku.hk/cibw92).

He added that the best papers from the Chiangmai Conference had been selected for publication in the CIB Encouraged Journal, the Journal of Construction Procurement. This was due for publication in late November 1999.

**Future Meetings**

It was announced that the next meeting of W092 would be in Santiago, Chile from 24th to 27th April 2000. Contact: Prof. Alfredo Serpell, Department of Construction Engineering and Management, Catholic University of Chile, Casilla 306, Santiago, Chile. Website: [http://www.ing.puc.cl/~iccon/](http://www.ing.puc.cl/~iccon/).

Subsequent to that there would be a meeting at the World Congress in Wellington, New Zealand in 2001. The meeting of the Working Commission in 2002 would be in January at the University of Trinidad in the West Indies. It was anticipated that the meeting in 2003 would take place in India, but that was yet to be confirmed. Deakin University, Australia had also offered to host the meeting.

Secondly, David Jaggar adds his report on the earlier W092 Symposium.

Looking back to the very successful four day Symposium which was held in Chiang Mai, Thailand from 25th to 28th January 1999 together with TG23 - Culture in Construction, he states that this was attended by more than 70 participants from all over the world.
It was hosted by the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) Bangkok under the excellent management of Dr. Stephen Ogunlana and his team.

A particularly laudable feature was the production in advance of the Symposium of the Proceedings containing some 64 refereed papers in addition to a forward and preface. Thanks must be given to the Technical Committee for all their assistance in refereeing the papers and of course to the authors for complying with the deadlines.

The Proceedings, edited by Dr. Ogunlana are published by E & FN Spon, are CIB Publication 224 and were described in Information 2/99.

David Jaggar states:
I believe all those who participated in the Symposium left much enriched and encouraged and that support for CIB W092 and its work was much re-affirmed as worthwhile and of great benefit to the construction community together with the focussed work of CIB TG23.