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New CIB President

In September the CIB Board appointed Richard Tremblay the new President of CIB for the remainder of the 2016 – 2019 term.

He was elected after the sudden retirement of the former President, Helena Soimakallio, who moved to another organisation.

Short CV

Richard Tremblay is the General Manager of the Construction portfolio at the National Research Council (NRC) in Canada.

The National Research Council of Canada (NRC) is the Government of Canada's premier research and technology organization (RTO).

Working with clients and partners, NRC provide innovation support, strategic research, scientific and technical services.

Prior to working at the National Research Council (NRC), Richard worked at the Industrial Research Centre of Quebec (CRIQ), where he was Vice-President of Operations, and in previous positions at CRIQ as Director of Testing and Export Conformity Services, Director of Industrial Automation, and Vice-President of Strategic Information and Product Conformity.

Richard was also Chief of Customer Service at Nortel Networks, and project engineer at Hydro-Québec's research institute, IREQ. He began his career as a quality and production support engineer at Canadian Marconi Company. Richard holds an Engineering degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Sherbrooke, and conducted research internships at Pratt & Whitney Canada.

He has been Chairman of the Board of Directors at the Center for Innovation in Microelectronics of Quebec (CIMEQ), a college technology transfer center. He is a founding member of the Industrial Automation Association of Quebec (Regroupement des équipementiers en automatisation industrielle - REAI), and was a member of the Board of Directors of Manufacturers and Exporters of Quebec (MEQ).

Before he was appointed President, Richard is currently a member of the Board of the CIB.

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Personal Statement

Dear colleagues and members,

It is with great pleasure and a strong sense of commitment that I accept the nomination as CIB President. I would like to thank the members of the Board for their trust and wish to assure them, and CIB members, of my commitment to support CIB and its mission going forward.

Since 1953, CIB has fostered international cooperation and developed into a worldwide network of thousands of experts from hundreds of organizations.

Today, I believe more than ever, the World needs CIB. As Climate Change affects the lives of every human on the planet, as the World population grows while resources diminish, the challenges the World faces with regards to the Built environment, the need for better, safer and greener cities, infrastructure and buildings has never been more essential.

With the CIB Board, members and organizations, I think we can significantly increase our contribution to the World and bring together even more experts and organizations, working together to make a difference.



This is, in essence, the reason why I have accepted the Presidency of CIB: to humbly but strongly support you in making, one action at a time, the World a better place to live.

Finally, I would like to thank the previous President, Helena Soimakallio, for her work at CIB and wish her every success in her future assignment.

Working together to build for a better future,

Richard Tremblay



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