



Message from the President

Dear Colleagues and Members,

For those living in the Northern Hemisphere summer is finally here, and we begin to take time away from our busy work schedules to spend with family and friends. On behalf of myself and the Board Members, we wish you a good vacation and safe journeys.

The Board and the General Secretariat continue to implement the CIB plan to re-organize and expand the CIB General Secretariat team, provide increased communications to members, and expand our membership base in order to provide more support to CIB Members and Commissions, resulting in stronger outreach and influence worldwide.

Over the next months the CEO selection committee, consisting of myself and other members of the Board will be engaged in the hiring process for a new CEO. The information on the CEO position will soon be posted on the CIB website.

The process to hire a replacement for Wim Bakens, Sr. Programme Manager will also start in the coming months to ensure a smooth transition before Wim leaves for his retirement.

In the next few months you will be receiving further information about the Triennial General Assembly and the Board nomination process, along with the names of current Board Members who will be running for election in 2019.

Milestones and Looking Ahead

In April, the CIB Board met in Stuttgart Germany for the first Board meeting of 2018 (BO116). Thomas Morszeck from Fraunhofer IRB was our host and provided very interesting opportunities to engage with local representative from the Construction industry stakeholders,

like those engaged with the [Stuttgart 21](#) project to convert the main line terminus station into an underground through station.



CIB Board Members and Guest of the Board, Stuttgart Germany

Highlights of BO116

- Kim Haugbølle presented via WebEx a proposal prepared by him and Wim Bakens for a new Programme Structure with a clustering of Commissions in five Domains: Industry, Technology, Buildings, Built Environment, Process. After consultation of the Commission Coordinators and a final discussion in the Board, a new CIB Programme structure will be presented at the WBC2019.
For further information on the presentation please contact Wim.
- Masashi Mori, Sr. Coordinator for International Cooperation of BRI Japan, was a special guest at the Board meeting and presented an update from the CIB Regional Office of Japan.



CIB Board Members, Guest of the Board and staff from Fraunhofer at the Stuttgart 21 Project

World Building Congress 2019 (WBC19) – Hong Kong from June 17 to 21, 2019

The Congress is jointly hosted by the International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction (CIB) and the Hong Kong Polytechnic University's Department of Building and Real Estate (BRE).

Led by the theme '**Constructing Smart Cities**', the CIB WBC19 will provide a platform to explore the smart city development and its role in society. This triennial congress will focus on eight sub-themes:

- Smart Utilities and Facilities Management
- Smart Governance, Policy and Economy
- Smart Environment
- Smart Service
- Smart Buildings and Infrastructure
- Smart Transportation and Mobility
- Smart People and Living
- Smart Planning, Design and Construction

Building and construction industry specialists, researchers, and policymakers will convene in Hong Kong for the five-day World Building Congress. Local, regional and internationally renowned industry specialists will deliver keynote talks, case studies and dynamic presentations to reveal the latest smart building, construction and infrastructure trends, practices and developments.

The CIB World Building Congress is regarded as one of the leading construction research and innovation conference worldwide. Panel discussions, workshops, networking events, site tours, and lab visits will offer participants invaluable opportunities to interact and meet researchers, policymakers, and industry peers from across the globe and gain knowledge and insights into creating the smarter and more sustainable cities of the future.

For more information on the congress please visit:

Website: <http://www.wbc2019.hk>

Contact: cib.wbc2019@polyu.edu.hk

Deadline to submit Abstracts is 15 September 2018!

Announcements

- ***CIB Sebestyén Future Leaders Award 2018***. Call for Proposals has gone out and we encourage CIB Student Chapters to submit a proposal. This year's theme is 'Smart Cities' and the deadline to submit proposals is October 31, 2018.

For further information on the preferred scope and the submission process please see the June CIB Newsletter.

- Due to the EU General Data Protection Regulations (<https://www.eugdpr.org/>), that was effective as of the 25th of May 2018, we have had to change the information on our website concerning the data of our Members.

This means that we are no longer allowed to have any e-mail address, phone/fax number or photograph on our website, unless we have written permission.

- The General Secretariat is now working in "The Cloud" and their new direct e-mails are:
 - Deborah Couse, Secretary General: Deborah.Couse@nrc-cnrc.gc.ca or deborah.couse@cibworld.nl (effective July 30)
 - Wim Bakens, Sr. Programme Manager: wim.bakens@cibworld.nl
 - Michelle Meurs, Office Manager: members@cibworld.nl or michelle.meurs@cibworld.nl

I encourage you to submit your papers to the WBC'19 and be one of the speakers or poster presenters at the triennial congress. Looking forward to seeing you in Hong Kong in 2019!

Working and building together to make the World a better place to live.

Richard Tremblay