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Introduction

The Eindhoven CIB Student Chapter has produced its first newsletter in December 2006. It includes a global overview of the activities, planned and taken forward voluntarily by a very motivated group of PhD researchers, during the year 2006.

In order to optimize their time dedicated to the Student Chapter, five workgroups were defined, so that different fundamental issues could be addressed individually by smaller groups of PhD researchers, joined according to their own group preferences. More effective and active than the initial structure proposed to CIB in our initial proposal, this structure will also be maintained in 2007. These five groups focus on respectively Education, Research, Social Activities, Public Relations and ICT.

Education

The educational workgroup of the CIB-student chapter Eindhoven aims at the improvement of the educational program PhD students participate in during their four years stay at the Department.

The most important activity of this group in its first year of existence was the conduction of a survey. The survey's aim was to get an overview of courses and classes that are being taken by PhD students, how they valued these courses and whether or not they would recommend them to their peers. The outcomes of this survey, the comments and ratings the ca. 25 participants provided were taken as a basis for the

development of a (binding) curriculum for every future PhD student at the Department.

Future work of this group will include the monitoring and assistance of the implementation of the new curriculum. Additionally, the group will participate in the extension of the "welcoming information" package for newly arriving PhD students with additional information concerning education.



The 2nd Student Chapter Meeting (April, 2006)

Research

The research group is responsible for organizing events; e.g. meetings, posters exhibitions, conferences, workshops, etc. It has as main objectives to promote; first the cooperation and exchange of knowledge between the PhD researchers from our

Faculty; and second, towards other PhD researchers from other Faculties, around the world.

Since the proposal of the Student Chapter at the University of Eindhoven, there are contacts with other European Student Chapters so that a Young Researchers Network could be developed, that would promote CIB and its objectives, enable the cooperation and exchange of knowledge between the Student Chapters, as well as to attract other Faculties to create their own Student Chapters.

ICT

The ICT-workgroup takes care of the website, which provides information about the PhD network of the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning of the TU/e and the CIB Student Chapter. Also useful information for PhD's is provided on this website. Besides the website, the ICT-workgroup controls 'Sharepoint', which provides PhD students a place where they can communicate. All PhD-students obtain access to Sharepoint where, for example, they can find information, share documents or make announcements about social meetings.



The direct link is:

http://w3.bwk.tue.nl/nl/onderzoek/phd_network_cibsc/

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