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CIB Student Chapter Workshop in conjunction with the "Sustainable Building 07" Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, 12-14 September 2007

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Introduction

The present report presents an overview of the actions and results of the CIB Student Chapters Workshop which took place in conjunction with the SB 07 Conference in Lisbon on September 14th, 2007, and which was financed from the Sebestyén Award 2006. This workshop was intended as the first event from the "Young Researchers Network" (created in 2006), and was organized by the TU Lisbon CIB Student Chapter.

Workshop Format

The workshop was organized as a 3 hour meeting, intended to allow all CIB SC (Student Chapters) members present at the Conference to get together and have further in depth discussion of ongoing investigation, by exchanging information, contacts and finding mutually interesting joint work opportunities.

Although not originally planned, it was decided to open the workshop to all MSc and PhD students present (regardless of whether they were affiliated or not to a CIB SC) in order to use this occasion to divulge the CIB Student Chapter concept along with the "Young Researchers Network" initiative.

Presentations and Networking

Various representatives attended from already established CIB Student Chapters (Lisbon, Delft, Milan, Eindhoven) and from universities without Student Chapters (Dublin and Leeds).

Research themes represented included: building supply chain integration, built stock management and maintenance, service life assessment, heritage

management, deconstruction, passive cooling technologies.



Figure 1 - Interaction amongst workshop participants.

The most successful of the original objectives for the workshop was the strengthening of contact networks (personal and institutional), followed by reference material exchange. A parallel objective attained was the spreading of the CIB SC concept to members of universities and institutions yet without Chapter, which were considerably interested in knowing on how to set up one.

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