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Report on the 2nd Scottish International Conference for Postgraduate Researchers of the Built & Natural Environment (PRoBE) held on 16-17 November 2005, Glasgow, UK



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Introduction

The main purpose of this 2nd Scottish International Conference for Postgraduate Researchers of the Built & Natural Environment (PRoBE) was to provide an avenue for postgraduate researchers in academic institutions in to share and exchange research information and knowledge, and help to enhance research and presentation skills for up and coming researchers.

Conference Themes

Of the 108 papers initially submitted, 70 were selected on the basis of a strict review by the International Scientific Committee. Papers came from many parts of the world, including China, Turkey, Nigeria, Portugal, Malaysia and the UK. About 90 Delegates attended the conference. Published papers cover themes such as:

- Research and education
- Various aspects of management
- Law, contracts Real Estate and Procurement
- Strategic issues for the industry
- Housing, Accessibility and Building services
- Sustainability and technologies



Group photo at the conference

The following keynotes from two eminent scholars were presented:

- "Virtuous Knowledge Sharing and Consilient Learning – Enabling Mid Career Construction Professionals to Flourish", by Prof. James Powell
- "Refereed Journal Papers: Practice and Process" by Dr. Will Hughes

Conference Sponsorship and Awards



Prof Akintowe and Awardee C. Liyanage

The following Prize Awards for Best Papers and Presentations were delivered:

1. The International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction (CIB) supported Runner-up prize for Best Paper - Guillaume Coste, Napier University
2. The Scottish Enterprise supported Prize Award for Best Paper – Champika Liyanage, Glasgow Caledonian University
3. The Association for Project Management (APM) supported Runner-up prize for Best Paper - Suresh Renukappa, Glasgow Caledonian University
4. The International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction (CIB) supported prize for Best Presentation - Mariela Gaete Reyes, Salford University
5. The Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) supported Runner-up prize for Best Paper - A. D. Ibrahim, Loughborough University



Prof Akintowe congratulates an Awardee

6. The School of Built & Natural Environment, Glasgow Caledonian University supported Runner-up prize for Best Paper - Nii Ankrah, Wolverhampton University

7. The Blackwell Publishing supported Runner-up prize for Best Presentation - Simge Andolsun, Middle East Technical University, Turkey.

Acknowledgments

Overall, the conference proved to be very successful. The research students benefited enormously through networking with their peers, making presentations, gaining insights from Keynote Speakers and their own colleagues; and gaining confidence in the art of presentation of research papers and in the asking and answering questions from the academic research community.

Delegates received a warm reception at the City Chambers by the Office of the Lord Provost of Glasgow, hereby acknowledged. Acknowledgments also to all organizations and people who supported the conference through reviewing papers, Awards prices and contributions in other forms.

Finally, we are grateful to all members of the Glasgow Caledonian University CIB Student Chapter for all their efforts in making the conference a success.

Additional Information

Due the success of this conference, the intention is to hold another one in two years time.

To receive additional information relating to the conference or the activities of the CIB Student Chapter at Glasgow Caledonian University, please send an email to one of the following:

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