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Report from International CIB Student Chapter Conference 2010



The first international CIB Student Chapter conference in Hungary, initiated by the Hungarian National Student Chapter, was held in Budapest on 30 September – 2 October 2010. The conference was hosted in one of Budapest's architectural treasures, the beautiful Danubius Hotel Gellért, located by the Danube river. The event opened the door to a presentation of activities of the Hungarian National CIB Student Chapter created by five Hungarian universities, as well as the broader base of university students, PhD students and their tutors from all parts of the world.

The conference was addressed by dr. Tamás Bánky, ÉMI Scientific Director, then by dr. Bill Porteous, CIB Assistant Secretary General on behalf of the CIB General Secretariat and the Board. The event was opened by Prof. Levente Mályusz, Vice Dean, Budapest University of Technology and Economics (BME).



The three-day conference must be regarded as professionally successful, given that the attendees from various countries at the meeting participated in several international programmes. In addition to the Hungarian student and young teacher presenters, participants from Italy, Japan, Malaysia, and Portugal presented papers.

The presentations covered a wide range of issues from research outcomes of architectural science to the effect analysis of the global financial crisis. CIB Student Chapters from outside Hungary were given the opportunity to speak about their chapters. The working language of the event was English, an adequate tool of communication between the participants not only in the presentations and questions but also in personal encounters and exchange of experiences.

The abstracts of the papers presented are available on the homepage of the Hungarian CIB Student Chapter (<u>www.emi.hu/cib</u>). This makes it possible for those who couldn't participate in the conference to learn what was presented, and to contact the authors.

In addition to the presentations of high standard and the resulting discussions of scientific value, the programme included a sightseeing tour to show the architectural features of Budapest, including the Parliament outside and inside. The conference was formally closed by dr. Bill Porteous who summed up and evaluated the outcomes of the conference, and commented on the value all attendees had gained from the opportunity to present in front of their peers.





The excellent work of the organizers, Melinda Kozák and Nikolett Kovács was freely acknowledged by the participants.



Survey

In concluding the conference, ÉMI decided to survey the participants' feedback by circulating a questionnaire on satisfaction. The outcomes of the survey will be made public for both the CIB itself and especially the CIB Student Chapters in order to make use of its lessons to facilitate future activities.

Publication

An Abstract Book about this International CIB Student Chapter Conference 2010 has been published. This publication is freely downloadable <u>here</u>.

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