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Report of the 3rd Scientific Conference on Project Management, "Clustering in Construction", 24-25 September 2004, Thessaloniki, Greece

Introduction

The CIB co-sponsored 3rd Scientific Conference on Project Management, "Clustering in Construction" took place on 24 and 25 September 2004 in Thessaloniki, Greece.

Below follows a report.

Construction project management is a well developed and accepted domain for professional expertise and academic research and discourse. A number of methodologies and techniques have been developed, covering all aspects of managing projects from their conception to their completion. However, construction project management remains a highly problematical endeavour. A great many construction projects exceed their budget, run late or fail to meet other objectives.

Can this situation improve by the formation of Communication Channels for Academics, Research/Technology Entities and Enterprises in Construction Project Management? This is the topic of the conference!

Conference Aim

The aim of the conference therefore, was to act as a focal point for the dissemination of speculations, needs, research and results in the following (indicative) areas:

- Networking / Clustering between different entities (Universities, Enterprises, Research Centres etc) in Construction Project Management.
- Results from Networking / Clustering attempts in Construction Project Management.

- Applied methodologies in Construction Project Management.
- Construction Project Management in Multi-cultural and in International Environments.
- Technological and Innovative Applications in Construction Project Management.
- Professional and Continuous Educational programmes and related issues in Construction Project Management.
- Best practices and presentation of successful case studies.

Keynote Lecture

A keynote lecture was given at the Conference by Professor Dave Langford on. The reformation of the UK construction industry rhetoric or reality"



Professor Langford holds the Barr Chair of Construction in the Department of Architecture & Building Science at Strathclyde University. He is the

Director of the Graduate School in the Department, has been involved in Construction Research for 25 years and has authored or co-authored 11 books and has published over 100 papers in journals and conferences.

Pictures from Conference Venue



Professor Moutzouris and Professor Avramidis, Chairmen of the Schools of Civil Engineering of the National Technical University of Athens and of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki respectively co-chairing the opening session of the conference.



General view of the main conference room. Professors Papathanasiou & Fotiadis of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki on the first row (bottom left of the picture)



Professor Xanthopoulos, Vice-Minister of Public Works among Dr. J.P. Pantouvakis (first from right) and Professors Langford and Gray (first and second from left)



Professor Lambropoulos (in the middle) guiding the group during the technical visit

Conference Outcome

The Proceedings from the conference is available in paperback version and CD formats. See further details on how to order from [here](#)