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CIB Endorsed Student Chapters

Texas Student Chapter Research Competition

Introduction of PGR-CIB Chapter

Post-graduate researchers from the College of Architecture, Texas A&M University, College Station, along with the interdisciplinary Architecture, Construction Management, Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning, and Visualization programs, have established a CIB endorsed student chapter. The Texas A&M University Post Graduate Built-Environment Research Chapter" (PGR-CIB) and is an initiative particularly organized by and for graduate and PhD students duly enrolled in the university.

The chapter was founded in 2008 and as of the first week of April 2009, there are 65 members. The chapter is being advised by Dr Jose L Fernández Solís and Dr Sarel Lavy and has five elected officers: President (Chief Student Leader), Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and IT Officer. The chapter not only has a slate of elected officers, but at all times, it has a slate of officers-elect that work hand in hand with those in office, which provides a continuity in leadership and mitigates the learning curve for new officers.

Research Competition

In order to foster research in the Built and Human Environment (BuHu), the chapter created a post-graduate journal quality, peer reviewed research competition. PGR-CIB's First Annual Research Competition was held on March 4, 2009 at the C at the Langford Architecture Center (College of Architecture, Texas A&M University) and was open to any post-graduate students of the College of Architecture (COA) and members in good standing of the chapter.

Graduate students from Texas A&M's College of Architecture turned in 23 abstracts, nine papers and made nine presentations in a research competition sponsored by the Texas A&M University Postgraduate Built Environment Research Chapter of the International Council for Research and Innovation in

Building Construction. The abstracts were submitted from the Department of Architecture, Department of Construction Science.

The CRS Center provided catering for the event, and all participants received a 4 GB flash drive provided by the Aggie Student Government Association.

The student chapter and advisors set up the systems required to run a research competition similar to the Built and Human Environment International Postgraduate Research Conference at the University of Salford, U.K.



Sitting in front in the middle: Dr Jose L Fernández Solís, Student President

The following students won awards in the various categories:

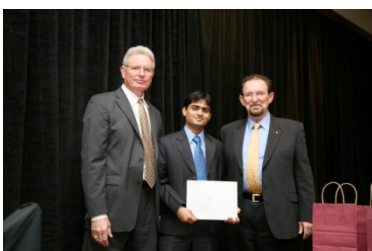
In the architecture division, the following students won awards:

- Saiful Islam for best research paper;
- Subasinghe Chamila for best paper: initial stage of postgraduate studies; and
- Rana Sagha Zadeh for best presentation.

In the construction science division, the following students captured honors:

- Vishal Porwal for best research paper;

- Yaquta Faqhi for best paper, initial stage of postgraduate studies; and
- Apurva Gupta for best presentation.



The awards for the Construction Science division were distributed at the Construction Science Awards Banquet held on March 26, 2009 at the Hilton Hotel, College Station. The awards for the Architecture division have been distributed at the Architecture Awards Banquet on April 17, 2009 at Pebble Creek Country Club, College Station.

Competition Set Up with URL to Website

The chapter has also developed its web site <<http://cib.tamu.edu>>, which is updated on a regular basis and has links to Faculty and Member Research, People (Advisor/Officer information and Membership), Events (General Meetings and Upcoming Events), Global Links.

Future Programs

The chapter plans to extend its research and information exchanges with other universities in and outside of the United States. Looking at the success of the 1st PGR-CIB Research Competition and learning from its experience, the chapter hopes to broaden its base by including merit scholarships for students to promote future student involvement. The chapter hopes these efforts will be manifested in better quality research as the students learn from each others' presentations and critiques.



Certificate Sample

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