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CIB Endorsed Student Chapters

CIB Young Researchers Network is Expanding

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Last June the Young Researchers Network (YRN) was started by a group of CIB Student Chapters jointly submitting a proposal to CIB that won the 2006 CIB Guyla Sebestyén Award. Since then more Student Chapters as well as individual young/PhD researchers from other CIB members have joined the YRN. Besides, additional sponsorship has been received from VTT in Finland.



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New Members

Since the start of the YRN, young/PhD researchers in the built environment at universities and institutes have been invited to take part and contribute to this initiative, notably in but not limited to Europe. In addition to the founding Student Chapters of the YRN, also young/PhD researchers have joined in from Hong Kong, Aalborg, Lund, Luleå, Newcastle, Twente and the Danish Building Research Institute. Further Student Chapters as well as individual young/PhD researchers in the built environment, from Europe and beyond, inside and outside the CIB network, are invited to join in and help developing the YRN further, and foster its growth.

Current Activities

This year the YRN members have started various activities. Within the "virtual track", an e-community has been established including a mailing list through the use of a moderated Yahoo group format. YRN members can use this facility for information exchange, shared working, co-writing papers etc. New members are welcome to join the e-community. Within the "physical track", the YRN has started to research the possibilities to organise a few meetings and workshops in conjunction with existing conferences taking place in 2007, including the CIB World Congress 14-18 May 2007 in Cape Town. In addition, the possibilities to co-organise some more meetings or workshops at other conferences planned next year are currently discussed with the organisers of those events.

Additional Sponsoring



The YRN has received additional sponsoring of 1,000 Euro from VTT in Finland. The YRN is grateful to VTT for this support. This enlarges the possibilities to strengthen currently planned activities for 2007 and to develop additional activities. In this context and as an example it is being considered to organise an annual best paper award among all papers that were presented by young/PhD researchers at all CIB conferences throughout the year.

Information and Joining YRN

For further information about the CIB Young Researchers Network, and CIB Student Chapters and individual young/PhD researchers who want to join in, please contact



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