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### CIB Student Chapter

## W113 Student Membership Now Available

### Launch of the CIB W113 Postgraduate Student Forum

CIB Working Commission W113 (Law & Dispute Resolution) is pleased to invite Postgraduate Students to apply for a new class of Student Membership of the Commission. This is now possible following the launch of the W113 Postgraduate Student Forum, one of 2 pilot schemes within CIB to test the viability of Student Chapters, which are affiliated directly with an individual Working Commission or Task Group. Membership is open to postgraduate students, whether enrolled for a taught or research award. Applications for membership should be submitted to W113 coordinator Paul Chynoweth by email at [p.chynoweth@salford.ac.uk](mailto:p.chynoweth@salford.ac.uk). Students enrolled at a CIB member-university may join without charge but must have the prior support of their Designated CIB contact and he / she should be copied in to the email when applying for membership. Students enrolled at a university that is not a CIB member may also join on payment of a token annual fee although this is being waived throughout the period of the pilot (2010-2011).

#### Scopes and Objectives

The Postgraduate Student Forum aims to provide an active and supportive community for Postgraduate Construction and Property Law Students worldwide and has a number of specific objectives:

- to provide a new class of student membership of the CIB
- to encourage peer mentor support and two-way communication amongst postgraduate students in the field through a variety of media
- to host an annual event as part of a major built environment conference where members of the Forum can meet face-to-face and share information, knowledge and research contributions
- to develop links with academic and industry-based professionals, who can mentor and advise students in connection with their research activities
- to provide students with access to high quality information from within the legal and built

environment sectors to assist them with their studies

- to encourage collaboration, dissemination and publication of high quality postgraduate research within the field of construction and property law.

#### Initial Work Programme

The priority tasks for the new Student Forum are already in progress, and are as follows:

- Establishing a website and membership list
- Publication of a bi-annual E-newsletter which will be distributed through the membership list and will be available on the Student Forum website
- Hosting the first CIB W113 Postgraduate Student Forum workshop in Perth, Western Australia in September 2011 in partnership with the COBRA 2011 research conference
- Encouraging the use of informal communications and social networking through the Forum's existing presence within Facebook and other sites including LinkedIn and academia.edu.

#### Organisation and Management

The primary responsibility for management of the Postgraduate Student Forum lies with the student members themselves, under the leadership and guidance of a student co-ordinator. The student coordinator is assisted by an assistant student co-ordinator who succeeds to the co-ordinator's role at the end of the co-ordinator's term of office.

Francis Moor, who is studying for her PhD at the University of Salford, is the Forum's first student coordinator. She is actively seeking an assistant student co-ordinator and the Working Commission would hope to make this appointment by September 2010. If you might be interested in undertaking this role please contact Francis in the first instance to discuss this with her informally. She can be contacted at [F.Moor@pgr.salford.ac.uk](mailto:F.Moor@pgr.salford.ac.uk).

