

INFORMATION

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CIB Student Chapter

Current Status CIB Student Chapters

Introduction

The idea of CIB Endorsed Student Chapters was investigated in 1999 and officially launched during 1999 - 2000. Student Chapters should use their work/activities in their respective institution as the base for CIB related cooperation. The work programme should also be as realistic as possible in order not to disturb the chapter members from their primary studies/research activities within their institute.

There are currently 5 CIB Endorsed Student Chapters as presented on CIB's website under CIB Student Chapters (as of March 2003). The following organisations have recently submitted their applications to the CIB Programme Committee:

1. Centre for Built Environment, a department at the University of Gävle, Sweden
2. The Construction Technology and Management Centre (CTMC), University of Technology Malaysia
3. The Dept. Of Construction Management & Engineering, University of Reading, UK

Further applications are expected on behalf of:

1. The Catholic University of Chile
2. The Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, Sweden
3. Escola Politécnica da Universidade de São Paulo - Departamento de Engenharia de Construção Civil, Brazil
4. MIT - Massachusetts Institute of Technology - Dept. of Civil & Environmental Engineering

The applications will be submitted to the CIB Programme Committee for approval if and when received.

ADVANTAGES FOR THE CIB ENDORSED STUDENT CHAPTER

What CIB can offer to a Student Chapter:

- The Annual Gyula Sebestyén Award offering up to 7000 € to finance a proposal.
- Possibility of providing financial support to officer presidents to the CIB Triennial Congress to receive awards based on their chapter's yearly activities.
- Facilitate for each Student Chapter to have a sister chapter in a different country to enhance even closer collaborations.
- Possible global exchanges either for study at universities or work opportunities with industry. CIB General Secretariat acts as the housing mechanism to develop and maintain these opportunities.
- CIB financial support for CIB student chapters in developing countries from the CIB Developing Countries Fund
- CIB General Secretariat also provides space on their server to allow Student Chapter homepages.

DEFINITION

A preliminary definition of a CIB Student Chapter is as follows:

A CIB Student Chapter is an organised group of students at a CIB Member University whose aim is:

- to enhance the respective students' skills as concerns international collaboration and information exchange related to research and innovation in building and construction, through profiting from CIB's potential arising from its

- contact network, internationally renowned experts, commissions, events and available stock of information,
 - to introduce their respective student fellows to CIB's activities and to make them aware of the potential value of working within the CIB community.
- and which is officially acknowledged as such by the CIB Board.

MEMBERSHIP

It is assumed that only students enrolled as such at an officially registered CIB Member University can be Members of a CIB Student Chapter.

It is assumed that Undergraduates, Master and Doctoral students can be Members of a CIB Student Chapter.

It is assumed that the Membership of a CIB Student Chapter will be administered by – the administrative leadership of – the Student Chapter itself and will be notified in detail to the CIB General Secretariat on a regular basis.

It is assumed that each CIB Student Chapter will have its own, clearly established Membership rules, which will not be in conflict with CIB's Mission Statement as it is set out in the CIB Constitution. These Membership rules can of course be different for each CIB Student Chapter.

Members of a CIB Student Chapter are not Members of CIB as currently defined in the CIB Constitution and By-Laws.

ORGANISATION

The organisation of a CIB Student Chapter can be different for each chapter, since it must be adapted to local circumstances and must reflect its own scope, objectives and programme.

Each CIB Student Chapter will have a clearly defined administrative leadership, which is to include at least one Designated CIB Contact known to the CIB General Secretariat.

Titles to indicate a person's position in a Chapter's leadership are to be defined by the Chapter. It is assumed that such titles will reflect local customs and practice. For example: a title like "President" can have different meanings in different parts of the world and probably will not be appropriate for all Chapters.

A CIB Student Chapter's organisation may include such components as:

- links with local or national sponsors
- relationships with local professional organisations
- involvement of staff

- liaisons with CIB Commissions
- preferred collaboration with other CIB Student Chapters

PROGRAMME AND OUTPUT

CIB Student Chapters will have different programmes of activities to be set up by themselves.

It is assumed that such programmes will include both local and international activities.

It is assumed that especially the international activities will clearly relate to CIB's potential in terms of linking in with:

- other CIB Student Chapters
- CIB Commissions
- CIB events, including the various CIB commission meetings, workshops, seminars, symposia and conferences
- CIB Member Institutes

It is assumed that each CIB Student Chapter will produce a Newsletter or some vehicle for external communication on a regular basis and that the CIB General Secretariat will facilitate the dissemination of such a Newsletter outside the Chapter itself.

FINANCES AND FEES

It is assumed that in principle each CIB Student Chapter will arrange for the financing of its own activities in its own way.

Sources of income may be:

- membership fees
- financial support by the respective university
- local sponsors
- incidental gifts

It is assumed that no financial support will be required from CIB, although there might be a possible exception as concerns CIB Student Chapters at CIB Member Universities in Developing Countries. Such Chapters might be entitled to support for defined projects, activities or events to be granted by CIB from the CIB Developing Countries Fund.

ENDORSEMENT

Part of the suggested Definition is that a CIB Student Chapter is endorsed as such by the CIB Board.

It is assumed that for the CIB Board discussions explicit requests will be made available via the CIB General Secretariat, which will include an indication of the respective persons' views on all aspects to which attention is given in this Document, plus a clear statement of institutional support by the CIB Member University concerned.

Endorsements given by the CIB Board will be communicated to the CIB Membership at large by the

CIB General Secretariat via the CIB Information Bulletin and the CIB Home Page.

SUPPORT FROM THE CIB SECRETARIAT

Pending further clarification of the Student Chapter's programmes of activities, it is assumed that the CIB General Secretariat can and will offer the following types of support:

- assistance in formulating requests to the CIB Board for endorsement
- at the request of the Chapter's leadership: to establish contact with selected CIB Member Institutes, CIB Commissions, (organisers / hosts of) CIB events and experts in the CIB community
- to publish Chapters' Newsletters in (a special section of) the CIB home page

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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