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### CIB Endorsed Student Chapters



## Winner of the CIB Sebestyén Future Leaders Award 2008/9

### Background

This award replaces the former CIB Gyula Sebestyén Student Chapter Award.

The new name emphasises that the foremost purpose of the Award is to expose future leaders of the building sector to some of the latest developments in building research, so that in later life they will understand the value of supporting good research.

In the Call for Proposals made in May this year, CIB Student Chapters were encouraged to demonstrate in a proposal how their student members have the potential to be future leaders in their chosen fields of work and to understand the value of building research. It was intended that the Award would stimulate collegial cooperation between staff and students in the Chapters, and the free exchange of information between the Chapters. Above all it was expected that the links between those Chapters and the already established senior researchers and research leaders in the CIB community would be strengthened.

The authors of the winning proposal are required to report to CIB on the outcome(s) of their proposal. CIB will publish that report in a CIB Newsletter.

The next Call for Proposals, for the Sebestyén Future Leaders Award 2010, will be made early in 2010.

### The 2009 Proposals

Four submissions were received in response to the Call for Proposals issued in May this year.

The panel of judges, nominated by the CIB Board, decided there was considerable merit in each proposal but that the proposals would benefit from being

resubmitted after account was taken of the judges' preliminary comments.

Consequently the applicants were invited to resubmit their proposals, if they wished to do so, by 30 September 2009, when the judges would consider them again. The initial general and specific comments of the judges were supplied to each team to assist them in formulating their resubmissions.

Three of the four original proposals were resubmitted.

### The Winner – CIB Student Chapter at the Texas A & M University

On the recommendation of the judges CIB is pleased to announce that the winner of the Sebestyén Future Leaders Award 2008/9 is the CIB Student Chapter at the Texas A & M University, with a proposal titled:

*First Global Trans-institutional Student Summit on Integrated Design Solutions (IDS) and the Built and Human Environment 2010*

In the words of the proposers themselves, this initiative will create, market and administer a global trans-institutional student summit on Integrated Design Solutions (IDS) and the built and human environment organized by Texas A & M Post Graduate Built Environment Research Chapter (PGR-CIB).

### Summit Scope and Objectives

The proposed summit, with the enthusiasm and participation of CIB Student Chapters, CIB members, universities, faculties, graduate and post-graduate students is expected to attract research presentations from all around the world, and specifically from the Americas.



Summit presentations will be sought from three levels:

- Faculty and post-Doctoral
- PhD students and candidates
- Masters students

The objectives of the summit are:

- to create a global trans-institutional student summit in the Americas that fosters international exchange and cooperation through the CIB research network
- to build a research conference that could be attended by people without any restriction of global boundaries through the use of information technologies such as web casting
- to provide a reliable source of information concerning research and innovation worldwide in the field of building and construction
- to encourage American research groups in various universities to form active CIB-endorsed Student Chapters
- to improve the personal contact and communication among CIB Student Chapters around the world and with the CIB research Task Groups and Working Commissions.

### **PGR–CIB Annual Research Competition**

In conjunction with the summit programme there will be a student research competition of peer-reviewed post-graduate journal quality. Such a competition has already been tested by the PGR-CIB Endorsed Student Chapter at Texas A & M University as was reported in a CIB news article in May 2009 (see it [here](#)). The first competition was open to any post-graduate student of the College of Architecture and members in good standing of the Chapter. This event allowed the Chapter stakeholders to create the infrastructure and logistics for the competition component of the proposed summit.

The student research competition to be held in parallel with the summit programme will be open to students from a large number of American universities as well as to CIB Student Chapters around the world.

The summit organizers are aiming to attract 72 student competitors on campus, and an ‘open number’ of participants through the concurrent webcast of the presentations. It is also intended that at least a third of the participants will belong to the research community at a global level including CIB Task Groups and Working Commissions.

### **Summit Programme**

The summit programme is expected to attract leading researchers and innovators from all parts of the world, including members of CIB Working Commissions and Task Groups. The combination of the summit programme and the research competition is designed to ensure that research students are exposed to the latest developments in research and innovation and to the research and innovation leaders who are at the summit to report on their work.

### **Sponsorship**

The Chapter intends to approach private corporations as well as related Departments and Colleges of the University for co-sponsorship.

### **Beyond the First Summit**

The first annual summit and the associated student research competition will focus on the CIB Priority Theme of Integrated Design Solutions. In each subsequent year the annual summit and student research competition will focus on another CIB Priority Theme, such as Sustainable Construction, Clients and Users, and Revaluing Construction.

### **Information**

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