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CIB Student Chapters

Winner of the CIB Sebestyén Future Leaders Award 2010

Background

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 2011, will be made early in 2011.

The Winner – CIB Student Chapter at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University

On the recommendation of the judges CIB is pleased to announce that the winner of the Sebestyén Future Leaders Award 2010 is the CIB Student Chapter at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, with a proposal titled:

Web-based Visual Platform for Real-time Communication and Collaboration Among the CIB Student Chapters

The winners say that there has never been any separate platform for real-time communication and idea exchange among all CIB Student Chapters.

With the aid of the proposed system, the winners say it is anticipated that:

- CIB Student Chapters in the world can get access to the most updated information through the integrated web system

- all authorised CIB Student Chapters can update their respective Chapter's information on a real-time basis

- the web system provides a visual platform for research communication and discussion in the area of building and construction among research students/young researchers.

Objectives

In the words of the proposers themselves, this proposal is intended to achieve the following objectives:

- Connect world-wide CIB Student Chapters, related research communities and individuals

through the establishment of a real-time communication platform.

- Enhance the functionality and usage frequency of the existing SPIRIT system (an existing in-house system at the University) by adding in more functional divisions (e.g. a Bulletin Board System).

- Encourage more information sharing, e.g. conferences, seminars, academic visits, etc.

Stage 1 of the Proposal

Communication of the proposal will be initiated by this article which will go to official contacts in each CIB Student Chapter. That will be followed up by a message from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University Student Chapter ("the Hong Kong PolyU Chapter") to each CIB Student Chapter, explaining the objectives and key procedures, the benefits each Chapter will enjoy from supporting the proposal, and soliciting support for the proposal.

Once the level of support is known and found to be sufficiently high, the proposal will be taken to its second stage in which opinions on the system interface and function will be surveyed.

The third stage of the proposal involves the authorisation of access by and participation by the CIB Student Chapters community.

Information

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