

UKfib National Group. 31 April 2009

Meeting number 9 held at The Concrete Society, Camberley Commencing 14.00 hr

ATTENDING

Steve Denton	SD	Parsons Brinckerhoff (Chair)
Martin Clarke	MC	BPCF
Charles Goodchild	CG	Concrete Centre
Chris Hendy	CH	Atkins
Tony Jones	TJ	Arup
Stuart Matthews	SM	BRE
Richard Day	RD	Concrete Society (Sec)



1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Pal Chana (BCA), Richard Howells (Celsa) Robert Slota (WYG) Ben Bowsher (UKCARES)
Gordon Clark (Gifford) John Golding (WSP Group) Sam Luke (Mouchel Parkman).

No response from:

Gareth Hughes (WSP)

2. RECORD OF MEETING 8 (8th November 2008)

No amendments.

3. MATTERS ARISING

The new CEO of the Society is Richard England.

Item	Action from meeting 8		Follow-up comment
3/4.2	Circulate details of logins and passwords. Chris Hendry to be added to list.	RD	1 & 2 Dec
3/4.4	Views of academic members with relation to attachment to UK Group. SD has emailed academics and waits response.	SD	See item 5.3
3/8.1	Find out if there is academic support for <i>fib</i> (UK) event. SD has emailed academics and awaits response.	SD	See item 5.3
3/11.4	Consider paper by Jonathan Shave for inclusion in Concrete. SD to send MSWord version of paper to RD	SD/RD	Rec'd and passed to ed.
4	S Matthews to circulate the <i>fib</i> 'mission statement'. All to consider terms of reference.	SM/all	circulated
5.1	Leaflet to outline UK <i>fib</i> to be considered. RD to investigate.	RD	See Item 4.2
5.2	RD to investigate UK <i>fib</i> logo	RD	Dec 08
5.4	Contact new potential members. See table	all	See Item 5.2
6	<i>Fib</i> diploma. SD to provide CH with guidelines	SD	See Item 6
10	New contact details for EMAP to be circulated (<i>done</i>)	RD	Nov 08

4. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR *FIB* (UK) GROUP

4.1 Website

The general text on the web-site has been amended since the last meeting, taken from the *fib* general overview, and company logos added. It was considered that further minor amendments were required. The following points regarding the model for UK*fib* National Group should be incorporated:

- Operational context within *fib*
- Why join UK*fib*? – Networking, but also more economic.
- Allow participation
- Coordinated focus for UK group via the Society, including funding (when available)

Other items for the website:

- Link names to company web URL's, not just the logo.
- Clear link to the *fib* site, not just the logo. A short description of the content may be appropriate.
- Link to the symposium 2009. Once the symposium is complete, need an overview and listing of papers linked the published output or Society reference search database.
- List commissions and task groups, highlighting those with UK membership/involvement

4.2 Leaflet

RD/SD to develop a leaflet. The model will similar to that used by the Society for other groups and activities which is in a four page A5 format. It requires:

- Statement of who UK*fib* are; similar to web-site
- Why it has evolved
- How to join
- Benefits

Once complete it can used as part of the web-page and be available for download. It should also be available for the *fib* symposium in June.

5. MEMBERSHIP / SUBSCRIPTIONS

5.1 Accounts

For this accounting year, it is proposed to have a more formal approach the subscriptions and payments. This is especially necessary as it is expected that the Group will receive a lump sum from the symposium. For 2009 onwards, the starting value will be zero.

RD report that, as far as he can ascertain, the subscriptions and payments received to date are in deficit, i.e. covered by the Society. Prior to the departure of M Powell (CEO), RD queried the accounts and no additional funds appeared to be allocated to the group. The deficit is a matter of a few hundred pounds only.

RD reported that invoices for the current year had been sent. This covered the cost of the National membership and additional subscriptions to bulletins etc. however, the vagaries of the exchange rate may affect the bottom-line.

Post-meeting note: It transpired that the invoices had not been sent as reported, an oversight by the accounts department. This has been rectified. Also, WYG (Robert Slota) will not retain membership.

5.2 Recruiting

As part of a membership drive it is suggested that, once the leaflet has been printed, a mass circulation should be undertaken. The contacts list from the symposium could be used. This should be in conjunction with articles in CONCRETE, NCE and Structural Engineer.

The following actions were agreed in relation to prospective member organisations:

ORGANISATION	CONTACT	ACTION BY:	Previous response
Costain	Mike Napier	C Hendry	Cool
Morgan Est		S Denton	
SKM Anthony Hunts	Bjorn Watson	C Goodchild/G Clark	
Mott MacDonald	David Place	G Clark	
Balfour Beatty		C Hendry	Cool
Scott Wilson	Simon Bourne Mark Race	S Denton/ G Clark	
Scott Wilson (Nuclear)	Dr Siva Kandasami	R Day. Wrote following an enquiry	No response
Halcrow	Stewart Withycombe Ian Barnett Phil McKenna	R Day	
Jacobs	Michael Messham	R Day	
Buro Happold	Brain Cole	R Day	

5.3 Academics

SD has emailed academics requesting their views of academic membership of the UK Group. He has received a positive response, but initiative needs more detail. CG reported that Costas Georgopoulos (TCC) has good academic links and should be approached, as should Society links. It was suggested that an Academic membership should be set-up, perhaps at a lower rate with less entitlement. SD was asked to supply the names he has already contacted.

6 FIB DIPLOMA FOR YOUNG ENGINEERS

Congratulations were extended to Chris Hendry on winning the *Fib* diploma award.

This diploma has two categories, Research and Practice. Candidates must be under 40 and completed their PhD within the last 5 years.

A press release and brief article is needed for CONCRETE and CEI to announce this award. However, fib have protocol to be followed. CH to check what is required.

7. REPORT ON *FIB* SYMPOSIUMS / UK REPRESENTATION

No reports provided.

Forthcoming symposiums include:

London, 22-24 June 2009, Concrete 21st century hero

Croatia, May 2010. Codes of practice in structural engineering

Washington, June 2010. 3rd *fib* congress

Prague, June 2011. Concrete engineering for excellence and efficiency

Christchurch, August 2011. 9th symposium on high strength concrete

Please refer to *fib*-News (March 09) previously emailed.

Items Circulated since last meeting

fib Directory 2008

fib Bulletin 47 Environmental design of concrete structures - general principles

fib Bulletin 48, Formwork and falsework for heavy construction.

fib News Dec 08

fib News March 09

fib Structural Concrete Vol 10 No. 1 March 2009

8. UK REPRESENTATION ON *FIB* COMMISSIONS

An analysis of the Commission and Task Group representation for the UK is needed. Also see item 4.1. This should be possible using the 2008 Directory.

A *fib* Task Group considering the *Assessment of concrete structures* has attached a strong interest. Stuart Matthews will be putting forward names including S Denton, P Jackson, Mike Chubb. This is to complement B525/10 Bridges.

9. *Fib* (UK) EVENTS

Leeds, 7-9 September 2009, Communication Conference

C Goodchild stated that UK*fib* could be included in this event, to be held in association with IM³. This would raise the profile of UK*fib* and provide a platform for research papers. The following involvement was suggested;

- Keynote speaker
- Young diploma prize winner speak – CH and Gopal xxx.....
- An overview of the Commissions work will be necessary for the 2010 Washington conference. The presentations should be available and could be used to promote *fib* and UK*fib*. A Commission Chairman could be approached for Leeds

10. LONDON SYMPOSIUM 2009

180 papers submitted to date. Authors should have been contacted by now, if not contact S Thomas. Some reviews by the Scientific committee have been slow, but should not delay the process significantly.

116 registrations to date. EMAP are confident that target delegate numbers will be reached.

Earlybird discount for authors has been extended. Some authors have not yet been contacted and hence are unwilling to register. EMAP are aware of this.

Welcome reception at the Barbican Centre

Message from the Duke of Edinburgh in the opening notes.

Technical visits sites requested.

- TJ suggest a tour of London buildings, as this is available for Arup buildings but could be modified.
- SM suggested a visit to Innovation Park at BRE.

Next meeting at EMAP, 16 April followed by all committee representatives meeting on 18 May

Post meeting note: Programme structure is inserted in May issue of CONCRETE

11. MODEL CODE

S Matthews reported that the model code was not fully developed in some areas. This huge project is awaiting further input by April/May and collation is proving difficult. Following a meeting in January 2009, it was considered that a final draft would be launched in Washington 2010, but not fully published.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 12.1 Outstanding concrete structures award. It was suggested that the Society Award winners should be contacted and provided with the link to enter the fib competition. The UKfib group could provide a letter of endorsement. Check details on *fib* website
- 12.2 The UK *fib* Group have three nominees with voting rights. Ted Kay has now retired and a new nominee is required. To be discussed at meeting 10
- 12.3 Actions from this meeting are summarised in table below.

NEXT MEETING

20 October 2009

Concrete Society, Camberley, 14.00hrs (buffet lunch available from 13.30hr)

Item	Action		Follow-up comment
4.1	Website – text, links, commission listing	RD	
4.2	UK <i>fib</i> leaflet	RD/SD	
5.1	Accounts summary, next meeting	RD	
5.2	Members ship drive – ASAP	ALL	
5.3	Academic membership, methodology	SD	
6	Young Eng Diploma. <i>Fib</i> protocol for press release etc	CH	
9	Leeds conference with TCC	SD/CG	
12.1	Outstanding structures competition	RD	