

***fib* UK**

Notes of an *fib* UK group meeting Held on 28th February 2007 At the offices of The Concrete Society

Present: Gordon Clark Chairman
 Ben Bowsher
 Tony Jones
 Stuart Matthews
 Martin Powell (part time)
 Alex Small
 Ted Kay Secretary

1. APOLOGIES

The following apologies had been received:

Clive Budge
Pal Chana
Martin Clarke
Steve Denton
Nick Gorst
Gareth Hughes

2. RECORD OF LAST MEETING

The notes of the 17th November 2006 meeting were accepted with the following correction:

Item 7, second bullet point: “but there are nor representatives” should read “but there are no representatives”.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- Gordon and Stuart had attended the first meeting of the *fib* Technical Council. Gordon had been elected Deputy Chairman and thereby had become a member of the Presidium. Other points of interest:
 - Areas of future work include high rise buildings (Ted will contact Angus McFarlane of Hyder in Dubai who is working on Burj Dubai), sustainability (relevant to the 2009 Symposium) and precast segmental bridges.
 - The Joint Committee on Structural Safety has increased in size and now has around 60 members.
 - There had been interesting presentations on how other countries organise their *fib* activities.
 - A strategy paper is to be written on how to arouse more interest in *fib* activities in South America.
 - Approximately 150 papers have been received for the Dubrovnik Symposium in May (6 or 7 from UK). The fee

for Dubrovnik is €800 with a reduction to €650 for early registration (before 15th March).

A report on the main points from the meeting will be published in *fib News* in *Structural Concrete* in due course.

- Ted reported that he will ask Costas Georgopoulos of the Concrete Centre to distribute details of *fib* publications to academics as he has a much larger database.

4. LONDON SYMPOSIUM 2009

- EMap has been chosen as conference organiser. Martin reported that they are working on their proposal which is due week beginning 5th March 2007.
- There will be a need for EMap to contact large numbers of potential delegates and place advertisements in relevant publications. It was suggested that they should contact the heads of country delegations to find out what databases are available and which would be the most appropriate publications in their countries. *Fib* should supply EMap with a copy of their Directory.
- There had been contact with the Japanese Concrete Institute as they had considering holding an event on Sustainability in 2009. Hopefully they will join their event with ours. They had forwarded a draft outline of the way that themes and topics for the symposium could be developed – this is discussed below. The London Symposium will be given a sub-title “Building a Sustainable Future”.
- The FIDIC event scheduled for 2009 in London is unlikely to conflict with the Symposium. Ted confirmed that he had spoken to Ravindra Dhir and that a Dundee Congress will not be held in 2009.
- It will be useful to have fliers available for handing out at forthcoming *fib* events:

Symposium, Dubrovnik, May 20 – 23, 2007

CONSEC 07, Tours, June 4 – 6, 2007

FraMCoS, Catania, June 17 – 22, 2007

FRPRCS Symposium, Patras, July 16 – 18, 2007

Connections Symposium, Stuttgart, September 4 – 7, 2007

Ultra High Strength Concrete, Germany, March, 2008

Symposium, Amsterdam, May 18 – 21, 2008

High Strength Concrete Symposium, Tokyo, October 27 – 29, 2008

Details can be found on *fib* web site or obtained from Rudiger. Martin will inform EMap.

- Gordon (first day only), Tony, Stuart and a representative from the Concrete Society and/or EMap will attend the Dubrovnik Symposium. EMap should develop a short presentation to publicise the London Symposium. Gordon will try to organise a slot for this.
- Two copies of the agreement with *fib* to hold a Symposium in London were signed by Martin on behalf of the Concrete Society. Gordon will take these to the Presidium in Lausanne on March 12th. These will be signed on behalf of *fib* and one copy will be returned to Martin.

- Koji Sakai had provided a series of suitable themes with topics in some theme areas. These were developed in the meeting. The resulting document is to be circulated for comment. Gordon will forward the final version (after comments have been incorporated) to Koji Sakai and take forward the matter of the way that co-operation between *fib*(UK) and the Japanese Concrete Institute will proceed.

5. MEMBERSHIP & SUBSCRIPTIONS

- UK membership is maintained at 13.
- Tony will follow up the letter sent to Strongforce.
- There is still optimism that additional members can be recruited and the Symposium will offer a focus for recruitment. Whilst membership of *fib* (UK) Group will not result in reduced entry fee to the Symposium, it will give the opportunity for first refusal on sponsorship/exhibition space.
- The actions from the previous meeting on this topic will be carried forward as follows:

ORGANISATION	CONTACT	ACTION BY:
Strongforce	Huw Jones	Tony
SKM Anthony Hunts	Bjorn Watson	Charles
Jacobs	Michael Messham	Ted
Capita Symonds	Barry Mawson may know who to approach	Alex
Scott Wilson	?	Gordon
Halcrow	Peter Robery David Yaw (Halcrow Yolles)	Ted
Mott MacDonald	Noel Bristow	Gordon
Hyder	Chris Boysons*	
Alan Baxter	John Mason	Charles / Stuart
Atkins	Chris Hendy	Steve
John Doyle	Peter Goring	Tony
Stephenson Ltd	Martin Stephenson	Charles

- The Group subscription to *fib* is unchanged in Swiss francs and may have reduced slightly when converted into sterling. It was decided to maintain the *fib* (UK) Group subscription at £600. Invoices will be issued shortly.

6. *fib* DIPLOMA TO YOUNGER ENGINEERS

- 3 entries from UK had been submitted – 2 in the research category and one in the practice category. There had been a total of 6 entries in the research category and 4 in practice but the closing date had been extended to the end of 2006. Results should be known by the middle of March.
- The next diplomas should be awarded in 2009 for presentation at the London Symposium.

7. REPORT ON *fib* CONGRESS

- No *fib* Congress had taken place since the last *fib* (UK) Group meeting.

8. UK REPRESENTATION ON *fib* COMMITTEES

- Gordon felt that now he is a Deputy Chairman of the Technical Committee he should step down as head of UK delegation. Steve has indicated that he is willing to take a more active role. Gordon will check whether Steve is willing to become head of delegation.

9. *fib* UK EVENTS

- The possibility of holding a half day meeting in September/October 2007 based on UK papers to the Dubrovnik Symposium and UK submissions to the Diploma for Young Engineers was discussed. Ted is to discuss this possibility with Martin. Charles and Steve are also to discuss possibility with I Struct E.

10. STRUCTURAL CONCRETE

- A nomination for the editorial board of Structural Concrete is required following the retirement of Andrew Beeby. Steve had sent an e-mail noting that he had contacted Professor Tim Ibell of Bath University and he is willing for his name to go forward. Tim already serves on an *fib* Working Party and it was agreed that he should be nominated. Ted is to contact Luc Taerwe and let him know.

11. MODEL CODE

- Discussion of the Model Code was held over to the next meeting.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- None.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- **THURSDAY 28 June 2007**

- **10.30 am start – (note, EMap should attend for discussions on the Symposium and Rudiger should be invited)**

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Actions

Item	Action	By
3	Details of new working group on tall structures to be forwarded to Angus McFarlane of Hyder	Ted
3	Web site for <i>fib</i> publications and list of reports in preparation to be sent to CS academic members Make CS academic members aware of <i>fib</i> Diploma to Younger Engineers	Ted
4	EMap to be supplied with copy of Directory – contact <i>fib</i>	Ted
4	Inform EMap of forthcoming <i>fib</i> events	Martin
4	Slot in Dubrovnik programme for presentation on London Symposium	Gordon

4	Circulate draft themes and topics document	Ted
4	Forward finalised themes and topics document to Koji Sakai	Gordon
5	Make contact with prospective new members	See item
8	Discuss with Steve with regard to him becoming head of UK delegation	Gordon
9	Discuss possibility of afternoon meeting using Dubrovnik papers with I Struct E and Conc Society	Charles / Steve / Ted
10	Luc Taerwe to be informed that Tim Ibell is nominated as member of editorial board of Structural Concrete	Ted
11	Item on Model Code to be retained at next meeting	Ted
Item from last meeting:		
	Prepare a briefing paper on sustainability issues	Gordon / Steve

**Ted Kay
March 2007**

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