

# ***fib* UK**

**Notes of a *fib* UK group meeting  
Held on 21 June 2006  
At the offices of The Concrete Society**

Present: Gordon Clark Chairman  
Stuart Alexander  
Lee Canning (for Sam Luke)  
Pal Chana  
Charles Goodchild  
Tony Jones  
Stuart Matthews  
Robert Slota  
Alex Small  
Ted Kay Secretary

## 1. APOLOGIES

The following apologies had been received:

Ben Bowsher  
Clive Budge  
Steve Denton  
Martin Clarke

## 2. RECORD OF LAST MEETING

The notes of the 10th January 2006 meeting were accepted with the following corrections:

Item 6, second bullet point: The date of the Copenhagen meeting was November 2005, not September 2005.

Item 6, third bullet point: The paragraphs

*The Model Code will have a through-life perspective and will cover new materials (e.g. fibres) and new circumstances.*

*The Code will permit different levels of design based on clients' choice. These will include full probabilistic, partial factor (as current), deemed to satisfy (tabulated) and durability (design out).*

*There will be some changes in terminology, for example "condition control" refer to the Service Life Code.*

## 3. MATTERS ARISING

- Nominations had been made for *fib* honorary membership; unfortunately neither of the nominated candidates were considered to

have fulfilled the requirements in that they had not participated in *fib* activities.

- Details of CS academic members have been downloaded from the Concrete Society database. These will be forwarded to Steve. A list of *fib* publications will be forwarded to the Academic members.
- Details of how to gain access to the members' area of the *fib* web site have been forwarded to *fib* (UK) members.
- It was disappointing that we had not been able to make a nomination in time for the 2005 Outstanding Structure awards. The next *fib* outstanding structure awards will be in 2010. CS should note candidate projects from their 2006 to 2009 Awards so that we are in a position to make nominations in good time.

4. MEMBERSHIP & SUBSCRIPTIONS

- UK membership is maintained at 13. It was reported that Whitby Bird had decided not to join. Construct had been approached and had also declined.
- There is still optimism that additional members can be recruited. Presentations at Concrete Society Members' Day will provide an opportunity to make more people aware of the group's activities.
- It was agreed to continue trying to make contact with potential new members as follows:

<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>CONTACT</b>	<b>ACTION BY:</b>
Strongforce	Hugh Jones	Tony
SKM Anthony Hunts	Bjorn Watson	Charles
Jacobs	David Cudworth Michael Messham	Ted
Capita Symonds	Barry Manson	
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

- It was noted that Jim Forbes an *fib* Past-President from Australia is from Hyder.
- The *fib* subscription invoice for 2006 has been paid and subscription invoices have been sent out to UK members.

5. REPORT FROM NAPLES COUNCIL (June 2006)

- A paper entitled *Report to fib UK on Council Meeting, Steering Committee, Naples 4<sup>th</sup> June 2006* was tabled. A copy is attached.
- Gordon, Tony and Stuart had attended.
- Hans Rudolf Ganz of VSL, Switzerland had been elected President for a two year term and Michael Fardis of University of Patras had been elected Vice-President.

- Amendments to statute were approved. It is proposed to set up a Technical Forum to oversee the technical work of *fib*. The forum will consist of commission chairmen and representatives from each country. The first meeting will be held in Zurich in December. Gordon will attend.
- Forthcoming events:
  - Symposium in Dubrovnik May 2007 – the deadline for abstracts is end of June 2006 – papers from UK are encouraged.
  - 2010 Congress in Washington
  - London confirmed as venue for an *fib* symposium in June 2009.
  - Four events of interest to academic members are scheduled for 2007.
- A list of *fib* Bulletins under development was tabled (at the UK meeting) and a copy is attached.
- No increase in *fib* subscription is proposed.
- Some short courses have been presented by Gyorgy Balazs on FRP and Seismic Design. Similar courses could be arranged in UK. Stuart has a copy of a presentation.
- An overall impression was that there is now much more interest in *fib* in USA; there is also great interest from the new member states of EU and this could potentially be a useful means of marketing in these countries by *fib* (UK) members.

#### 6. MODEL CODE 2006

- The Model Code on Service Life design has been published.
- The most recent meeting on the Model Code had been held in Geneva in March.
- Much of the activity revolves around durability and the time dimension rather than improvements to design equations.
- The current programme is that the Model Code should be completed in 2008.

#### 7. *fib* (UK) EVENTS

- Gordon will give a presentation on the work of *fib* (UK) group and Stuart will give a presentation on the Model Codes at Concrete Society Members' Day on 6<sup>th</sup> July at the National Motorcycle Museum near Birmingham.
- We should consider a one day UK event but it would be best to leave this for the time being in order to concentrate on the organisation of the 2009 Symposium.

#### 8. London Symposium 2009

- Gordon showed the presentation which had been made in Naples. As noted above, the proposal for the Symposium in London in 2009 was approved by *fib*. There had been few questions. The Symposium title *Concrete – 21<sup>st</sup> Century Superhero* had also been agreed.

- An outline paper relating to the organisation of the symposium was tabled along with a copy of *fib* Guidelines for sponsorship of congresses, symposia and conferences (copies are attached).
- Two organising committees will have to be set up – one for the overall organisation and the other for the technical programme. It was agreed that the start-up organising committee should consist of Martin Powell, Gordon Clark, Ruediger Tewes (who retires in 2008), Stuart Matthews and Ted Kay. One of their first priorities will be to develop a business plan and obtain backing from major organisations such as Concrete Society and The Concrete Centre – it was suggested that Martin could use Gordon's presentation to demonstrate the scale and quality of the event to the other Chief Executives. Another early requirement is to develop a timeline for the run up to the event. It is envisaged that the first formal announcement and call for papers will be before the end of the year or at least before the Dubrovnik Symposium and deadline for abstracts would be May 2008.
- An early priority will be to look into insurance cover for the event.
- We should aim at a venue near central London. Several possibilities have already been investigated including Lancaster Gate Hotel, Riverbank Park Paza (where Concrete Society Awards Dinner was held last year), Lancaster Gate Hotel (where the last *fib* Symposium in London was held) and Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre. In addition to the symposium there will be a need for:
  - meeting rooms on the Friday (possibly), Saturday and Sunday before the event;
  - a venue for a large reception (delegates and partners, say 800 – 1000 people) on the first morning;
  - exhibition space;
  - a document room to hold copies of the Proceedings etc.

The organising committee should draw up a venue specification at an early stage.
- It was noted that the proposed dates (8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009) are right in the middle of the academic exam/assessment period. The alternative dates (29<sup>th</sup> June to 1<sup>st</sup> July 2009) might be preferable from this point of view.
- The reception on the first morning is a significant event. Local celebrities would be expected to attend e.g. Mayor of London, Chairman of Olympic Organising Committee, Jonathon Porritt etc. It may be that London Tourist Board would provide sponsorship for such an event.
- The aim is to have a delegate rate of around €800 (£500) with extra for the banquet (say £50/60). *Fib* will take a capitation fee of CH60 (£25). There should be reduced rates for early registration, those in full time education, *fib* (UK) member firms and retired people.
- This will be a major event and we should consider enlisting the assistance of professional conference organisers. Their charges may not be high as they should be able to make money on discounted hotel rates etc.

- Gordon had spoken to a representative from NCE. As they provide a good means of exposure for the event, it might be useful to cultivate them by offering complimentary exhibition space.
- It is envisaged that there will be two Scientific (Technical) Committees – UK and full. The full committee would include *fib* Commission chairmen. This committee may meet once before the deadline for abstracts and, in fact, may not convene a full meeting. All present at the *fib* (UK) meeting agreed to assist the UK Scientific Committee if requested.
- Between now and next May we need to firm up the dates, the venue, the Organising Committee and the Scientific Committee.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- It was reported that there have been calls for assistance on the following commissions/task groups:
  - 1 – Offshore Concrete  
Structures in hostile marine environments
  - 5 – Handbook on Service Life Design
  - 9 – State of the art – External prestressing in bridges.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- **FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2006**
- **10.30 am start**
- **Concrete Society Offices CAMBERLEY**

**Actions**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>By</b>
3	List of <i>fib</i> publications to be sent to CS academic members	Ted
3	List of CS academic members to be sent to Steve	Ted
3	CS to note candidate projects for Outstanding Structures Award	CS
4	Make contact with prospective new members	See item
8	Make Martin aware of the presentation on the symposium	Ted
8	Discuss sponsorship and underwriting of deposits with Concrete Centre and BCA	CS
8	Look into event insurance	CS
8	Research potential venues	CS
8	Firm up on symposium dates, venue, Organising Committee and Technical Committee	Initial Organising Committee

Attached as separate files:

Report to *fib* (UK) on Council Meeting, Steering Committee, Naples, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2006

List of *fib* Bulletins under preparation

*fib* Symposium 2009 – Organising Committee – Professional Assistance –  
Past Events  
Guidelines for sponsorship of congresses, symposia and conferences (*fib*).

**Ted Kay**  
**28 June 2006**

**Current *fib* UK Group members:**

- 1 British Cement Association
- 2 British Precast Concrete Federation
- 3 Building Research Establishment
- 4 Celsa Manufacturing UK
- 5 The Concrete Centre
- 6 The Concrete Society
- 7 Gifford and Partners
- 8 Mouchel Parkman
- 9 Arup Group Ltd
- 10 Parsons Brinkerhoff
- 11 UK Cares
- 12 WSP Group
- 13 White, Young, Green