

***fib* UK**

Notes of an *fib* UK group meeting

Held on 28th June 2007

**At the offices of Gifford, Bankside Studios, 76 – 80 Southwark Street,
London.**

Present: Gordon Clark Chairman
 Ben Bowsher
 John Golding
 Charles Goodchild
 Nick Gorst
 Tony Jones
 Stuart Matthews
 Martin Powell (part time)
 Alex Small
 Rudiger Tewes (*fib* Secretariat)
 Ted Kay Secretary

1. APOLOGIES

The following apologies had been received:

Norman Brown
Pal Chana
Steve Denton
Alex Small

2. RECORD OF LAST MEETING

The notes of the 28th February 2007 meeting were accepted:

3. MATTERS ARISING

- Steve Denton has agreed to become head of the UK delegation..
- Tall structures had been discussed at the Commission 1 meeting in Dubrovnik. Gordon is to undertake more research and present a brief paper. He is also to identify interested parties. Ted is to contact Angus McFarlane of Hyder in Dubai to bring him up to date. Tony mentioned that Arup would be interested and asked how the new work would interact with the Council for Tall Buildings (David Scott of Arup in New York is the Chairman).

4. LONDON SYMPOSIUM 2009

- Negotiations are still in hand with EMap. Some draft budgets have been proposed but a contract has not yet been signed.
- The concept of a single location with accommodation and conference venue has been abandoned as the prices were too high. It was felt to be better to have a suitable venue with a mix of hotels in the vicinity. The present negotiations were around the use of the Business Design

- Centre near Angel tube station. This shares a forecourt with a Hilton Hotel and there are many hotels of varying standards in the vicinity.
- It was commented that there is not much visible concrete in the building and this is a pity.
 - The main hall maybe slightly small for the opening ceremony but this can be supplemented by a video link to an adjacent hall.
 - The venue is available from 1st to 3rd June 2009. It was pointed out that this is during a very busy period for academic members and that late June would be preferable.
 - There will be a need for serviced rooms for meetings at the Hilton over the weekend preceding the symposium (Commission meetings on the Friday, Technical Council meeting on Saturday). It may be that these could be provided free if we take a block of rooms for delegate accommodation or the cost could be covered by special sponsorship. There will also be a Council dinner on Saturday evening
 - There had been a positive response to the presentation in Dubrovnik and a first announcement is urgently required. It was noted that EMap are not working to the initial timetable set out by *fib* (UK).
 - Martin presented the current financial information provided by EMap. The base case is for 425 delegates. This should result in a profit of around £10,000 to be shared between *fib* (UK) and the Concrete Society.
 - The delegate rate associated with the EMap financial proposal was thought to be too high. They should aim at a maximum delegate rate of €1000 with an earlybird rate of €900. It would also be worth considering a day-delegate rate to increase numbers.
 - There are usually 10 to 20 student delegates who are half funded by *fib*.
 - Social programme and technical visits will be discussed at a future meeting.
 - The technical programme will be developed in association with JCI which has agreed to a special relationship. JCI had intended to organise a technical meeting on sustainability in 2009. They have agreed to join the London symposium and will be given a dedicated afternoon. The Scientific Committee had been accordingly enlarged in consultation with Sakai.
 - Conference documents are to display the JCI logo.
 - Three people have declined the invitation to join the Scientific Committee and one person has suggested an alternate. Lydia Shehata from Brazil, Manfred Curbach and Ted Neff have not yet responded. Inclusion of the Brazilian member was strongly supported by Rudiger and Gordon will contact her by e-mail.
 - The list of conference themes and topics is to be circulated to committee members. For the initial flyer, only the headings of themes and topics will be required. For the second call, there will need to be a few words under each heading which Gordon offered to draft and circulate for comment. The initial flier will have to be small to be included in *Structural Concrete*. More information can be placed on the web site.

5. MEMBERSHIP & SUBSCRIPTIONS

- Subscription notices had been sent out in late February.
- The list of target organisations was reviewed. Ted had written to Huw Jones of Strongforce but no response had been forthcoming.
- The Post Tensioning Association and Laing O'Rourke were added to the list. Gordon will contact David Collings of PTA.
- Stuart and Tony had spoken with Phil McKenna of Scott Wilson at Dubrovnik. Stuart and Ted are to follow this up.
- Steve has spoken to Chris Hendy of Atkins. Steve and Ted are to follow up.
- Ted is to pass contact details for Angus McFarlane (Hyder, Dubai) to Gordon.
- The actions from 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	Phil McKenna	Stuart/Ted
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
Laing O'Rourke	Colin Banks	
Post Tensioning Association	David Collings	Gordon

6. fib DIPLOMA TO YOUNGER ENGINEERS

- It is pleasing to note that Gopal Srinivasan and Jonathan Shave had been successful in the Diploma awards presented in Dubrovnik. An article had appeared in the June edition of *Structural Concrete*. This article can be re-run in *Concrete*.
- The next Diplomas will be presented at the London Symposium in 2009 so a strong UK entry should be encouraged. Ted will ask Kostas from

Concrete Centre to circulate details of the UK success to his academic contacts.

7. REPORT ON fib CONGRESS

Dubrovnik

- Rudiger will circulate his draft notes on the Technical Council Meeting shortly. *Post-meeting note: The notes have now been received and will be circulated with the notes of this meeting.*
- A Working Party on Offshore Structures has been set up in Commission 1. This will be chaired by Tor Ole Olsen of Norway and the aim is to prepare a state-of-the-art report on offshore structures in extreme marine environments
- Paul Regan had been made an Honorary Member of *fib*. This has been reported in June *Structural Concrete* and could also be mentioned in *Concrete*.
- Rudiger reported that the search for his successor was continuing and might go to a second round. It was hoped to make a decision in 6 to 8 weeks time. *Post-meeting note: vacancy has now been re-opened and all are asked to think of suitable candidates*

8. UK REPRESENTATION ON fib COMMITTEES

- Nothing to report.

9. fib UK EVENTS

- It would be beneficial if the Diploma to Younger Engineers UK winners could present their papers at a meeting in London. Ted will ask Concrete Society London Club to consider hosting an evening event at I Struct E.

10. STRUCTURAL CONCRETE

- Tim Ibell of Bath University has become a member of the editorial board.

11. MODEL CODE

- A further draft had been produced a month or so ago. This will be discussed at a meeting in Ghent in September. Comment has been solicited on some sections. It is intended that a “cohesive draft” will be available in time for the Amsterdam Symposium. The draft will be circulated at that stage.

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- None.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- February 2008
- Organising Committee to meet in September or October (Gordon, Stuart, Martin, Ted with Rudiger and Koje Sakai as corresponding members).

Actions

Item	Action	By
3	Contact Angus McFarlane of Hyder in Dubai to bring him up to date on the Working Party on Tall Structures	Ted
4	Draft and circulate notes on each theme and topic for London Symposium	Gordon
5	Make contact with prospective new members	See item
6	Item on Diploma for Younger Engineers in Structural Concrete to be repeated in Concrete	Ted
6	Kostas from the Concrete Centre to be asked to circulate details of UK success in Diploma for Younger Engineers to academic contacts	Ted
7	Note on appointment of Paul Regan as honorary member of fib to be included in Concrete	Ted
9	London Club of Concrete Society to be asked if they will host a meeting at which the UK winners of Diploma for Younger Engineers can present their papers	Ted
13	Organising Committee to meet in September or October	Ted / Gordon
	Item from previous meeting: Prepare a briefing paper on sustainability issues	Gordon / Steve

**Ted Kay
March 2007**

Attachment

Draft notes of Technical Council Meeting, Dubrovnik, May 2007.

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