

**UKfib National Group.** 19 May 2010  
Meeting number 11  
Held at The Concrete Society, Camberley commencing 14.00 hr

## ATTENDING

Steve Denton	SD	Parsons Brinckerhoff (Chair)
Gordon Clark	GC	Giffords
Chris Hendy	CH	Atkins
Jenny Burridge	JB	Concrete Centre
Richard Day	RD	Concrete Society (Sec)



## 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Ben Bowsher (UKCARES), G Srinivasan (Arup), M Clarke (BPCF), Charles Goodchild (Concrete Centre), Richard Howells (Celsa), Tony Jones (Arup), Stuart Matthews (BRE)

## 2. RECORD OF MEETING 10 (October 2009)

Amendments as follows:

### 3.1 Actions from meeting 9

5.1; See minutes item 6.1, not 3.2

6; See minutes item 7, not 4

### 6.3 Associate members

1<sup>st</sup> sentence; A *new*, not Anew

## 8. Report on *fib* activity

### Commission 5: Structural service life aspects

Amend as follows; SM is Chair of this commission and TG5.12 Support group to new FIB SAG on Assessment of Existing Structures. Positive progress was reported with some 40 participants involved in the work of Commission 5.

### Special Activity Group 7: Assessment and interventions upon existing structures

Note that this is now progressing as a joint Chair with SM and Giuseppe Mancini. Work will start in Spring 2010.

## Support page added to electronic bulletins

In accordance with a recent decision by the *fib* Presidium, we are pleased to inform you that all future *fib* Bulletins, starting with the forthcoming *fib* Bulletin 51, will include the attached "support page", which acknowledges the invaluable support provided by our national and sponsoring members. This page will also be included at the end of the PDF version of "*fib*-news", and in the printed version when space permits (the printed *fib*-news must have precisely 4, 8 or 12 pages).

### 10.3 Items circulated since last meeting and 10 Jan 2010

Add: *fib* Structural Concrete, Text book on behaviour, design and performance, second edition, Vol. 1

### 3. MATTERS ARISING

BPCF will in future be represented by Kim Elliot, Consultant, well known to members for his activity with precast concrete, Nottingham University and Commission 6 *Prefabrication*.

### 4. MEMBERSHIP AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

#### 4a 2009-10 accounts

14 members initially invoiced at £750  
1 member resigned

#### **Income**

13 x £750 = £9750  
Part associate = £145

#### **Expenditure**

Group membership (6 no.): 14700CHZ @ 1.66 = £8855  
Additional: 8 x 399CHZ @ say 1.66 = £1923

#### **Deficit**

£883

#### 4b 2010-11 membership

Following RD's letter to all members, from all of which a reply was received, the 2010 Group consists the following Full Members.

Arup  
Atkins  
BRE  
BPCF  
Celsa  
Gifford  
Parsons Brinkerhoff  
Concrete Centre  
Concrete Society  
UK CARES

Plus one Associate Member (IStructE)

#### 4c 2010-11 fees

The key to the subscription rate for 2010-11 is the voting rights attributed. Currently this stands at 3 but if reduced to 2, the subscription for full members would be in the region of £600. However a repeat of last years subscription (£750) would be beneficial to create a slight surplus.

GC/SD are to discuss the situation with *fib*(Switz) at the Washington Conference with a view to retain the 3 voting rights but at a reduced cost. Members will be informed accordingly. **[SD/GC]**  
The associate membership of IStructE will be charged at ~£320 for the full year.

#### **4d Recruitment**

Recruitment was discussed. It was recognized that, if WSP, Mouchel et al are not willing to participate in *fib*, there is a general industry reluctance to be involved in what may be perceived as a mature market for Standard development etc. It was considered that academics are unlikely to become full members. There may be a possibility of Associate membership for Libraries but if they currently purchase direct from *fib*Switz there may be some conflict. It was thought that 'major client organizations' may be willing to join. For example Highways Agency should be keen to be informed of, and influence, the development stage of Standards.  
**[SD/GC/RD]**

### **5 LONDON SYMPOSIUM PROCEEDINGS CD**

The London symposium account has now been settled. Sales of the proceedings CD (6@£85) have not been included in the UK membership accounts.

SD to provide EMAP with the CD for issue as a downloadable file to all Symposium delegates.  
**[SD]**

RD to provide a CD to *fib*UK members. **[RD]**

### **6 PROFILE**

#### **6a Events**

Discussion centred round a half day event in London either at Imperial, UCL or IStructE. It was felt important to attract both academic and practicing structural engineers. If at a University it must appeal to students.

As a bench mark, a 4 hour event with 70 attendees was envisaged, probably in Feb 2011. Various part titles were suggested but should include the words: Structural Concrete; Global; Development. SD to consider. Ideally this should be a free event, thus the venue must be free.  
**[SD]**

The programme should include an overview of the *fib* structure and ethos so as to promote its relevance. Presentations from previous conference/symposia papers and Young Engineer awards, perhaps with a theme - Standards, present and future.

JB suggested that Eurocodes are still key topics and that any emphasis on the a imminent new model code may be too much to bear!

A short course on High rise buildings may be popular, with perhaps Gyorgy Balazs.

It was suggested that a simple web-based questionnaire could be developed to ascertain topic areas. SD to consider. **[SD]**

## 6b Web-site

SD has a DVD of back-issues of *fib* Bulletins. It is intended that these are mounted on the web-site under password protection for members. [SD/RD]

To emphasize the scale of *fib* activities, it was suggested to include;

- a summary list of commissions and task groups
- a summary list of *fib* publications
- a resume of London 2009
- a members' area was necessary for the back-issue of *fib* Bulletins
- a membership form and fee structure required
- notes from previous meetings

also see meeting notes 10, section 3.2

## 7 *fib* PUBLICATIONS

The Annual Report 2009 is to be circulated. [RD]

The following publications have been distributed since the meeting in October.

*fib* Bulletin 52, *fib* Structural Concrete, Text book on behaviour, design and performance, second edition, Vol 2

*fib* Bulletin 53, *fib* Structural Concrete, Text book on behaviour, design and performance, second edition, Vol 3

*fib* News Mar 10

*fib* Structural Concrete Vol 11 No. 1 March 2010

## 8 *fib* AWARDS

### Outstanding Structures Award

The results of the 2010 *fib* Awards for Outstanding Concrete Structures competition

- Island Tower Sky Club
- National Portrait Gallery
- Svratka River Pedestrian Bridge
- Third Millennium Bridge
- Wadi Abdoun Bridge (submitted by UK*fib*)

Press release to be circulated. [RD]

### Diplomas for Young Engineers

The dead-line for entries is November 2010, the award being presented in Prague, June 2011. RD/JB to produce a short flier for emailing in June 2010. It was suggested that the success of previous UK winners should be highlighted, by way of encouraging applications.

It has been suggested that the prize should be in memory of Roy Rowe, President of CEB 87/98 and involved with the merger with FIP to form *fib*, who died in Dec 2008.

**Sec Note:** Now to be sponsored by Dr Olav Olsen, the Norwegian Public Road Administration and SINTEF Building and infrastructure in memory of Ivan Holland.

## **9 fib CONGRESSES / COMMISSIONS AND UK REPRESENTATION**

The New Model Code is to be published as a draft for discussion at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congress and exhibition, Washington, 29May -1 June 2010, although not fully complete.

*fib* Symposium. Concrete engineering for excellence and efficiency. 8-10 June 2011

9<sup>th</sup> Symposium on High performance concrete design, verification and utilisation, 8-12 August 2011, Christchurch New Zealand

11th International Conference on Applications of Statistics and Probability in Civil Engineering, ICASP11 taking place August 1-4, 2011 in Zurich, Switzerland.

The 2012 *fib* Symposium is to be held in Stockholm

A new Special Activity Group *Review of partial safety factors* has been approved.

## **10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

General Secretary Anna Bosche will not be returning after maternity leave and the previous General Secretary Ruediger Tewes has temporarily taken the position. An advert for a replacement has been placed on the Society 'Concrete Careers' web-page.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

2 November 2010