

***fib* UK**

Notes of an *fib* UK group meeting Held on 17 November 2006 At the offices of The Concrete Society

Present: Gordon Clark Chairman
 Steve Denton
 Charles Goodchild
 Tony Jones
 Stuart Matthews
 Alex Small
 Ted Kay Secretary

1. APOLOGIES

The following apologies had been received:

Stuart Alexander (note WSP will be represented by Gareth Hughes and John Golding at future meetings)
Ben Bowsher
Clive Budge
Pal Chana
Martin Clarke
Robert Slota

2. RECORD OF LAST MEETING

The notes of the 21st June 2006 meeting were accepted with the following corrections:

Item 3, fourth bullet point: The date of the Outstanding Structure Award was 2006, not 2005.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- Gordon and Stuart had given presentations at Concrete Society Members' Day.
- Ted asked which list of publications was to be sent to UK academic members. It will be sufficient to refer to the *fib* web site. The list of "work in progress" previously circulated, could also be attached.
- A list of *fib* academic members in UK had been forwarded to Steve.

4. MEMBERSHIP & SUBSCRIPTIONS

- UK membership is maintained at 13. Strongforce has shown interest in changing their membership to UK Group. Details of costs and benefits have been sent to them within the last few days.
- There is still optimism that additional members can be recruited.
- It was agreed to continue trying to make contact with potential new members 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

* Ted will speak to Angus McFarlane at the Bahrain Conference to find out who is the appropriate person in Hyder.

- It was noted that since Construct had declined the invitation to join, it is now worth approaching individual Construct members. It was also noted that the change of chairman at Construct could result in a change of opinion in relation to membership of *fib* (UK).

5. fib DIPLOMA TO YOUNGER ENGINEERS

- UK Group can submit 3 nominations in each of the research and practice categories.
- In the research category, a copy of a thesis had been received from Harsha Sooriyaarachchi of Sheffield University on the topic of *Tension stiffening of GFRP reinforced concrete elements*. John Clarke will be asked to undertake a brief review and give his decision to Gordon.
- Also in the research category, John Shave (Parsons) will submit his thesis on bond of short anchorage lengths which had been carried out at Bath University. It was agreed that this should be nominated.
- In the practice category, a submission had been received from Gopal Srinivasan of Arup. It was agreed that this should be nominated.
- It is hoped also to receive a submission from a Gifford engineer on Ballyshanon arch bridge. It was agreed that this paper should be nominated, if received in time.
- Gordon agreed to process the nominations.
- Academic members of CS should be made aware of the Diploma to Younger Engineers

6. fib (UK) EVENTS

- Efforts are being concentrated on the 2009 Symposium but it was agreed that we should explore the possibility of running a London event jointly with I Struct E using the best papers selected from those presented at Dubrovnik in May and possibly the UK papers submitted for the Diploma to Younger Engineers. Charles / Steve will discuss the

possibility with Sue Doran of I Struct E and find out what lead-in time is required.

- It was noted that there is a proposal for a joint meeting between ICE and Japanese Society of Civil Engineers in London towards the end of 2007 or at the beginning of 2008.

7. London Symposium 2009

- A useful first meeting of the organising committee had been held on Tuesday 14th November. Ruediger Tewes from *fib* Secretariat had attended.
- Proposals for the Scientific Committee had been agreed. The objective had been to obtain a wide spectrum of national representation. This had been achieved fairly well but there are no representatives from the Middle East (Note: Steve Denton to be added). The Scientific Committee is needed for the flier to be developed in time for the Symposium in Dubrovnik in May 2007. The attendees at Dubrovnik represent the major part of our target audience.
- Concrete Society reported that they are not able to accept the financial risk which would be involved in taking on the role of organising the Symposium. It would therefore be necessary to appoint a commercial management organisation. *fib* (UK) will however, retain the decision on price to delegates with a target maximum of €800. *fib* (UK) should retain some of the possible sponsorship packages – for example coffee breaks and lunches.
- A list of possible event management organisations has been drawn up and includes:
 - BRE Events
 - Emap
 - Informa
 - Brintex
 - Thomas Telford
- A beauty parade will be held to assess these organisations. Other members of the group are welcome to attend. (Post meeting note: This will be on 20th December).
- The list of symposium sub-topics will have to be firmed up for the flier. It was suggested that sustainability and the three bottom lines – Social, Economic and Environmental would be attractive issues with the possibility of a keynote speaker from the Prince's Trust. Gordon and Steve will provide a briefing paper for a brainstorming session at our next meeting.
- Martin Powell had lobbied the CEOs of the other organisations in Riverside House with a view to support for the Symposium. He had reported an unenthusiastic response from the Concrete Centre but the BCA reaction had not been reported.
- The formal agreement with *fib* will not be signed until after the “beauty parade”.
- It was noted that there are two possibly competing events in 2009 – Concrete Solutions to be held in Padua/Venice from 22nd to 25th June 2009 and the regular conference in Dundee. Ted and Steve will try to

determine Prof Dhir's intentions during the forthcoming Bahrain Conference.

- A list of key dates is given in the notes of the Organising Committee meeting. These will be circulated to members of the Group.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- A calendar of fib awards should be prepared to give ample time for submissions from UK. Those of which we are aware at the moment are:

Outstanding Structures – next award in 2010

Diploma to Younger Engineers – next award in 2009

Gold Medal

Honorary Membership.

Ted is to check with *fib* Secretariat to find dates for future awards.

- Include an item at each meeting for reports on fib congresses.
- It was suggested that it would be useful to have contact details for members at the end of the meeting notes.
- It was noted that the 2006 *fib* Directory will be published shortly and should be available for the Technical Council Meeting in Zurich in December. *fib* Commissions are listed in the green pages in the Directory. UK representation on fib Commissions should be reviewed at our next meeting.
- Gordon gave background on the Technical Council. It will meet once or twice per year and its objective is to direct the technical work of *fib*. Two deputy chairmen are to be elected at the Zurich meeting for a four year term. Election as deputy chairman automatically gives a place on Council. Gordon has been invited to stand for one of the places.
- Another meeting of the committee considering the Model Code will be held in February 2007. There should be a further draft to circulate in March 2007. The Model Code should be discussed at our next meeting.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- **WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2007**
- **10.30 am start – (note, meeting may go on into afternoon for discussions on Model Code)**
- **Concrete Society Offices CAMBERLEY**

Actions

Item	Action	By
3	Web site for <i>fib</i> publications and list of reports in preparation to be sent to CS academic members	Ted
4	Make contact with prospective new members	See item
5	Process nominations for Diploma to Younger Engineers	Gordon
5	Make CS academic members aware of <i>fib</i> Diploma	Ted
6	Discuss possibility of afternoon meeting using Dubrovnik papers with I Struct E	Charles / Steve
7	Steve Denton to be added to Scientific Committee	Gordon

7	Prepare a briefing paper on sustainability issues	Gordon / Steve
7	Speak to Professor Dhir re 2009 Dundee Conference	Ted / Steve
7	Circulate notes of Organising Committee meeting	Ted
8	Add contact details at end of meeting notes	Ted
8	Representation on fib Commissions to be reviewed at next meeting	Ted
8	Model code to be added to agenda for next meeting	Ted

Attached as separate files:

Notes of Organising Committee meeting held on 14th November 2006

Ted Kay
20 November 2006

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