

UKfib National Group. 2 November 2010
Meeting number 12
Held at The Concrete Society, Camberley commencing 14.00 hr

ATTENDING

Steve Denton	SD	Parsons Brinckerhoff (Chair)
Ben Bowsher	BB	UKCARES
Gordon Clark	GC	Giffords
Kim Elliott	KE	BPCF
Charles Goodchild	CG	TCC
Tony Jones	TJ	Arup
Stuart Matthews	SM	BRE

Richard Day	RD	Concrete Society (Sec)
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The meeting welcomed Kim Elliott who is now the representative for BPCF. As a Consultant, Kim is well known to members for his activity with precast concrete, Nottingham University and Commission 6 *Prefabrication*.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:
Chris Hendy (Atkins), Richard Howells (Celsa)

2. RECORD OF MEETING 11 (May 2010)

Minor amends added to notes. Corrected notes now available in the member's area of the UKfib site.

3. MATTERS ARISING

The proceedings of the London Symposium have not yet been made available to delegates. EMAP should be providing the facilities to allow download. If not forthcoming, SD will see if it is possible to supply direct from Parsons Brinckerhoff site.

4. MEMBERSHIP AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

It is understood that Alex Small (Celsa) has retired. Amend records accordingly in favour of Richard Howells. [RD]

4a 2010-11 accounts

10 full members initially invoiced at £750
1 Associate member invoiced at £320

Four of the members had not paid their subscription. They were urged to do so.
Sec Note 23/11/10: Two remaining to be paid, both have been chased.

Income (potential)

10 x £750	= £7500
Associate	= <u>£320</u>
Total	7820

Expenditure

It was agreed to pay *fib*(switz) at the rate for 2 votes/4 subscriptions, plus an additional 7 subscriptions. However, the status of the UK *fib* National Group would remain at 3 votes and the shortfall in fees discussed again in January 2011 when the new *fib*(switz) secretariat and treasurer are in place. Expenditure thus:

7350 CHF + 2763CHF = aprox. **£6230**

SD/GC to inform *fib*Switz of the situation and RD to authorise this payment. **[SD/GC/RD]**

4b Membership

The UK Group must be sustainable, unfortunately the Society can not cover overspend. As it stands, the 2 vote level is just sustainable. If 2 votes are to be final outcome, the named voting members will be SD and GC.

Sec Note 23/11/10: BRE will not be renewing in 2011. The two vote subscription is the only option unless more members recruited.

4d Recruitment

Recruitment was discussed.

It was considered that academics are unlikely to become full members. RD reported that Costas Georgopoulos (Kingston) had enquired but was not willing to join even at Associate level.

There may be a possibility of Associate membership for Libraries but if they currently purchase direct from *fib*Switz there may be some conflict. The Society academic membership can be contacted but should we target the Professor or the Library? TCC also have listings for academics which could be used.

Imperial College (Robert Vollum) have created a new laboratory for structural concrete. Membership of *fib*(Switz) currently through the college library. Can this be changed in favour of UKGroup directly through this new laboratory? R Vollum to be contacted. **[SD/RD]**

Major client organizations may be willing to join. For example Highways Agency, GLC, BIZ, DFT, National Rail. Promoting benefits of *fib* along the lines of remaining informed to potentially influence the development stage of Codes and Standards and potentially Construction product regulations, is considered to be the sensible approach. SD has a draft letter for TJ to view. **[SD/TJ]**

Obtain or develop a list of all UK members involved in *fib* Commissions etc. with a view to contact them offering membership through the National Group. Information may be gleaned from the *fib*(Switz) web-site or perhaps direct from Laura Thaommne-Vidale **[SD/RD]**

5 PROFILE

5a Events

Discussion centred round a half day event. It was felt important to attract both academic and practicing structural engineers. If at a University it must appeal to students.

KE reported that academics need contacts for advice and course work queries. Teaching packages of lecture notes, models and short presentations are always welcome. SD said this approach was probably outside *fib* capabilities to provide. However young engineers need a network, which is what *fib* can provide. This would also create future demand.

KE to sketch out idea for a 'forum' type meeting. **[KE]**

An event should include an overview of the *fib* structure and ethos so as to promote its relevance. An event should cover:

What is *fib*?

How does *fib* work?

What opportunities are there?

How to benefit

It should emphasis that the Bulletins cover research and can be used in teaching. They are in many cases the precursor to Codes and Standards.

Industry problems or case studies relating to structural design and relevant discussion.

The event should attract a nominal fee to cover direct expenditure and ensure commitment to attend. The optimum time, in terms of University availability, is the second week of January and Easter. The February 2011 date suggested in meeting 11 is not considered to be realistic.

SM suggested the BRE Centre in Bath. **[SM to check availability]**

KE suggested Imperial College, to promote their new facility. **[KE to check availability]**

CG suggested Lafarge Birmingham or IStructE. **[CG to check availability]**

5b Web-site

RD ran through of the UK*fib* web-site hosted by the Society. All agreed that it could go live.

Mainly static pages but included a restricted members area where Bulletin back issues can be downloaded. The Commission information will need to be updated occasionally as it not linked to the *fib*Switz site. Current information taken from *fib* 2009 Directory. Membership forms need to be added. **[RD]**

6 *fib* PUBLICATIONS

Model code

Comments required via the Commission or via the National Group. Comments need to be relatively positive/constructive and be accompanied by alternative text. Template previously circulated by SD will be re-circulated. SD to collate submissions with the aim to pass to *fib*(Switz) by Christmas. **[SD]**

CG tabled his comments in the standard format. He will revise and pass to SD for collation.

The following publications have been distributed since the meeting in May 2010.

fib Bulletin 55, Model Code Volume 1

fib Bulletin 56, Model Code Volume 2

Note that Bulletin 54 Structural Concrete - Textbook Volume 4, has not been published.

fib 2010 *fib* Awards for outstanding concrete structures

fib News June 2010

fib News September 2010

fib Structural Concrete Vol 11 No. 2 June 2010

fib Structural Concrete Vol 11 No. 3 September 2010

fib Directory 2010 will be published by the end of this year early 2011

7 *fib* AWARDS

Diplomas for Young Engineers

The dead-line for entries is 30 November 2010, the award being presented in Prague, June 2011.

RD reported two interested from University of the West of England and Imperial College. SD believed Steve Kite (Arup) will enter.

To be sponsored by Dr Olav Olsen, the Norwegian Public Road Administration and SINTEF Building and infrastructure in memory of Ivan Holland.

Sec Note 30/11/10: All three entered.

8 *fib* CONGRESSES / COMMISSIONS AND UK REPRESENTATION

Stuart Matthews will be standing down from Commission 5 *Structural service life aspects*

Gordon Clark will be standing down from Commission 1 *Structures*

Tony Jones wishes to contribute to TG8.6 *Ultra high performance fibre reinforced concrete*

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9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ruediger Tewes is the caretaker General Secretary until Petra Schmancer (?) takes up the role in January 2011.

Ernst and Sons (part of Wiley) are the new publisher of *fib* material in place of Thomas Telford.

Invite Sara Fray (IStructE) to next meeting

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be arranged. Probably in conjunction with an Event.