

UKfib National Group.

Meeting number 13,

17 November 2011

Held at The Concrete Society, Camberley, commencing 14.00 hr

ATTENDING

Steve Denton	SD	Parsons Brinckerhoff (Chair)
Gordon Clark	GC	Giffords
Tony Jones	TJ	Arup
Richard Howells	RH	Celsa
Andrew Minson	AM	MPA (for Charles Goodchild)
Richard Day	RD	Concrete Society (Sec)



1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Ben Bowsher (BB), Chris Hendy (CH), Stuart Matthews (SM), Kim Elliott (KE) and Charles Goodchild (CG)

2. RECORD OF MEETING 12 (November 2010)

[9] Correction; Sara *Fray* not *Frey* of IStructE

It appears the minutes were not circulated after the last meeting. Apologies.

Membership details have been updated with *fibSwitz*.

All membership subscriptions paid for 2011

SM (BRE) renewed membership despite suggesting the contrary.

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Model Code

230 pages of comments were received on the draft code 2010. The contributions from the UK Group were acknowledged. All comments have been assessed and followed up where appropriate. On 29 October 2011, the 11th General Assembly of *fib* convened in Lausanne and unanimously accepted the *fib* Model Code 2010 ("MC2010"). The code is now being amended accordingly (small group chaired by Joost Walraven) with a view to publication in 2012.

3.2 General assembly.

Notes from the October General Assembly are thought to be available for circulation. SD to obtain a copy that can then be circulated and placed on the *Ukfib* web-site. [SD]

3.3 Achievement Award for Young Engineers 2011

UK had three entries; Juan Sagaseta Albajar – Imperial College (now at Surrey University), Steve Kite - Arup and Hong S. Wong – Imperial College.

For the third year running a UK entrant won a category. In this case, in the Research Category, *Juan Sagaseta Albajar* for his thesis entitled, *The influence of aggregate fracture on the shear strength of RC beams* (Imperial College London, UK).

3.4 Potential change of UK *fib* secretariat

SD gave an outline of a potential change in secretariat for the UK *fib* National Group. The finances of the UK *fib* group dictate that the subscription to *fibSwitz* for the required three vote level has only been paid at the 2 vote level – roughly half the subscription fee invoiced – for the past two years. This leaves a notional debt on the Concrete Society to *fibSwitz* of ~£10,000. It is acknowledged that this debt will be written off by *fibSwitz* after three years. Other National Groups are in a similar position. The Concrete Society is uncomfortable with this ‘debt’ especially within the current economic climate.

An exploratory approach has been made to IStructE; one time secretariat to *fib* before merging with CEB to form *fib*. The potential to reach structural engineers (globally) and to raise the profile of concrete within the IStructE would be beneficial to the Group. Martin Powell and Sara Fray of IStructE have given a positive response. [SD/GC]

3.5 Obituary – Andrew Beeby

The sad news that Andrew Beeby died on 28th October was relayed. Andrew worked for 27 years in the Design Department of the Cement and Concrete Association (C & CA). In 1991 he took up the Institution of Structural Engineers Chair of Structural Design at the University of Leeds. Andrew retired from the University of Leeds in 2004 and was appointed an Emeritus Professor. An obituary will be published in both CONCRETE and *fibNews*.

4. MEMBERSHIP

4a 2011-12 accounts

10 full members initially invoiced at £750

1 Associate member invoiced at £320

All member subscriptions paid.

Subscription income

10 x £750 = £7500

Associate = £330

Forum (April income)

Surplus of £802
8632

Expenditure

It was agreed to pay *fibSwitz* at the rate affordable to UK *fib*. This was slightly more than the 2 votes/4 subscription level. However, the status of the UK *fib* National Group would remain at 3 votes. The shortfall in fees was discussed at the Presidium in October. It is understood that shortfalls in subscriptions can be written off by *fibSwitz* after three years.

Expenditure thus:

9995 CHF (**£7380**) paid against a request for (14700 + 1995) = 16695 CHF

Summary

2011 income	£8632
2011 expenditure	<u>£7379</u>
surplus	£1253

Overall

UK*fib* CS account set at zero in 2008-9

2009-10	[1147]
2010-11	1138
2011-12	<u>1253</u>

UK*fib* to date £1244

Debt to <i>fib</i> Switz 2010-11	7350 CHF
Debt to <i>fib</i> Switz 2011-12	<u>6700</u> CHF
	14050 CHF (approx £10,000)

4b Membership

Following the Forum in April, SD, GC et al have been developing potential leads for new members. In particular the following;

Potential Full members (£750)

Flint and Neill (Ian Firth)
David Ball Group (David Ball/Chris Howard)
Costain (Bill Hewlett)
Mott Macdonald
Halcrow
WSP (Jerremy Wells)

Potential Academic members (£450)

Bath University (Tim Ibell / Antony Darby)
Kingston University (Costos)
Imperial College (Robert Vollum)

This scenario equates to a potential £5850 income, against an addition cost to supply publications of ~£2500.

An email (28 Oct) from SD was also been sent to all delegates of the Forum encouraging them to join the UK*fib* Group.

The membership categories and benefits were briefly discussed. The following table is suggested as a template. GC/SD to develop an overview. [SD/GC]

Category	Entry requirement	Benefits (pubs)	Subscription
Full	Organisation	Hard copy and pdf back issues	
Academic A	University	Hard copy and pdf back issues	
Academic B	University	Pdf back issues	
Associate	Library	Hard copy and pdf back issues	
Personal A	Individual	Hard copy and pdf back issues	
Personal B	Individual	Pdf back issues	

Note: a reduced fee may be applicable for those already members of *fibSwitz* but wish to be associated with UK *fib* Group

5 PROFILE

5a Events

The Forum in April was seen as a success. The Group thank Kim Elliott for his endeavours in arranging this event. The presenters were as follows:

Steve Denton
 Prof. Gyorgy Balazs
 Charles Goodchild
 Gordon Clark
 Dr Robert Vollum
 Prof Tim Ibell
 Dr Maurizio Guadagnini

The presentations have been emailed (28 Oct) to participants.

SD gave an overview of the workshop discussions. Access to material and learning material was a repeated theme, along with awareness and networking. Access to visiting lecturers also wanted. However this 'information flow' needs a facilitating body to be successful. Perhaps a network community is necessary, but there are cost implications.

Next Event

It was asked whether draft reports from the working groups can be seen on request, as these may provide a subject matter for an event and discussion which could feed back to the chairman. Need to email Group Chairman, contact available from *fibSwitz* site.

Model Code considered a good topic, especially if published in early 2012. SD to check if Steve Foster is in Europe and if it is possible to organise an event around his availability. Target June? Could this be a memorial lecture for Andrew Beeby? [SD]

5b Web-site

More Bulletins in pdf form are to be released by *fibSwitz* in November. These are to be added to those already in the member's area. [RD]

RD to see if a listing of the fib and CEB publications can be created and mounted in the web site, as historic information. **[RD]**

6 fib PUBLICATIONS

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

Bulletin 60 Prefabrication for affordable housing
Bulletin 59 Condition control and assessment of RC structures
Bulletin 58 Design of anchorages in concrete
Bulletin 57 Shear and punching shear in RC and FRC elements

Directory 2011

fib structural concrete Vol 12 September 2011
fib structural concrete Vol 12 June 2011
fib structural concrete Vol 12 March 2011

RD was asked to inform CONCRETE Editor of publications as they arrive, as a news item.

The first issue of a 4 to 6 weekly *fib* eLetter has been circulated. This does not replace the quarterly *fib*-news

7 fib CONGRESSES / COMMISSIONS AND UK REPRESENTATION

Next General Assembly, June 2012, Stockholm

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

TJ – has work started on UHPC (SAG 9.3)? No.

GC – A detailing manual for model code has been proposed. Ben Bowsher has had some input into this potential programme under Commission 9.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

19 April 2012 (provisional). Location to be arranged; London or Camberley