

UKfib National Group. 20 October 2009

Meeting number 10, held at The Concrete Society, Camberley Commencing 14.00 hr

ATTENDING

Steve Denton	SD	Parsons Brinckerhoff (Chair)
Martin Clarke	MC	BPCF
Charles Goodchild	CG	Concrete Centre
Richard Howells	RH	Celsa
Tony Jones	TJ	Arup
Stuart Matthews	SM	BRE
Richard Day	RD	Concrete Society (Sec)



1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

Pal Chana (MPA cement), Ben Bowsher (UKCARES), Gordon Clark (Gifford), John Golding (WSP), Chris Hendy (Atkins), Sam Luke (Mouchel). G Srinivasan (Arup), G Hughes (WSP), M Clarke (BPCF)

2. RECORD OF MEETING 9 (31 April 2009)

Item 9 2nd bullet. Amend as Gopal *Srinivasan*

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.1 Actions from meeting 9

Item	Action		Follow-up comment
4.1	Website – text, links, commission listing	RD	Basic listing updated and includes a contact form and the leaflet.
4.2	UKfib leaflet	RD/SD	Done
5.1	Accounts summary, next meeting	RD	See minutes, item 3.2
5.2	Members ship drive – ASAP	ALL	See minutes, item 6.2
5.3	Academic membership, methodology	SD	See minutes, item 6.3
6	Young Eng Diploma.	CH	See minutes, item 4
9	Leeds conference with TCC	SD/CG	See minutes, item 9.1
12.1	Outstanding structures competition	RD	See minutes, item 7

3.2 Website

Discussion as to the content of the site led to the following points.

- needs to be refreshed to indicate work within the UK *fib* Group
- should mention successes of Young Engineer Award
- note UK specific activities e.g. conferences
- note proceedings availability for the London Symposium
- note commissions and task groups with UK involvement, but do not replicate main *fib* site content.

The visibility of the Group within the Society site was also questioned. Concern that it was under a tab 'Associated Group' was expressed, but no alternative suggestion made.

4. LONDON SYMPOSIUM SUMMARY

The Symposium in June 2009 was considered to be a success in terms of the technical papers presented. Gordon Clark (via email on behalf of the *fib* Presidium) tabled congratulations "for the organization of a good technical programme and overall success of the event despite the difficult economic climate".

It was considered that EMAP did not perform well in the initial stages although Melissa Corstorphine et al were praised for the final organization. The payment and administration process was not considered to be good.

Commercially it was not a success, just covering costs. Delegate numbers were not sufficient to provide revenue to create a cash reserve for the UK *fib* Group.

Post conference tours were not well attended, possibly because there are plenty of other attractions in London.

SM to write to IStructE thanking them for the use of the Institution for *fib* Commission meetings.

CG suggested that the Structural Engineer should be encouraged to publish a note/article on the symposium. [see 4 Aug 2009 p9]

Appreciation and congratulations are especially extended to Gordon, Steve and Stuart for their particular involvement.

Note: September issue of fib-News covered the event

4.1 Proceedings

A fully indexed version of the proceedings is being prepared by SD. This will be available for download to delegates via an EMAP html link. A CD version will be available for sale via the Society Bookshop.

5. ELECTRONIC AVAILABILITY OF *FIB* BULLETINS

It is anticipated that *fib* will make available past Bulletin issues (3years and older) electronically. It is thought that the files will be available through the National Group web-sites, under password control to members only and not for resale.

6. MEMBERSHIP

6.1 Accounts (2009/10)

14 members initially invoiced at £750
1 member resigned
1 member has not paid

Income

12 x £750 = £9000
Part associate = £145

Expenditure

Group membership: 14700CHZ @ 1.66 = £8855
Additional: 8 x 399CHZ @ say 1.66 = £1923

Deficit

£1633

6.2 Recruiting full members

It was reiterated that the Group needs to increase its membership to improve the overall balance, and to reduce the individual subscription liability. RD said he had recently written to Halcrow, Buro Happold and Jacobs, but without response.

6.3 Associate members

A new category was discussed. This is primarily to involve academics but also librarians and individuals. Benefits would include the *fib* publications and access to the Commissions and Task groups. A fee of say 600CHF, discounted to 525CHF for the first year was considered.

Sec note: The library at IStructE has joined from January to April 2010 to fit with the financial year, with the intention of continued associate membership in 2010/11.

6.4 Society Trusts

There may be a case to apply to the Society's trust for a travelling bursary. This should be investigated.

7 *fib* AWARDS

fib Outstanding Structures award. Past Society Awards winners contacted. Two possible interested companies replied. A letter of appreciation and support from UK*fib* was provided.

The 2009 *fib* Medals of Merit were awarded to Eduardo C. Carvalho and Marco Menegotto during the opening session of the *fib* symposium in London. Honorary Membership was also bestowed on former *fib* Secretary General Rüdiger Tewes. A detailed report will be published in the September issue of *fib*-news.

The symposium also saw the award ceremony for the *fib* Diplomas to Younger Engineers, awarded this year to Dr. Ana Maria Ruiz-Teran and **Chris Hendy**.

8. REPORT ON *fib* activity

Commission 5: *Structural service life aspects*

SM is Chair of this commission and TG5.12 Support group to SAG *Assessment of existing structures*. Positive progress was reported with some 40 participants involved in the work of Commission 5.

Commission 6: *Prefabrication*

CG stated that we had peripheral links, via Kim Elliot.

Commission 9: *Reinforcing and prestressing materials and systems*

B Bowsher is Chair of TG 9.7 *Reinforcing steels and systems*. It is suggested that the IStructE publication on structural detailing is used as a demonstration document.

Special Activity Group 5: *New Model code*

This document is hoped to be launched in June 2010 in Washington, but will require wide consultation before being published. The next meeting is scheduled for 24/25 November 2009

Special Activity Group 7: *Assessment and Interventions upon Existing Structures*

Progressing under the joint Chair of SM and Giuseppe Mancini. Approx. 20 participants are expected to attend a meeting in October 2009 in Turin for 2 days. Topics discussed;

- Assessment process
- Probabilistic analysis
- modeling deterioration process

A draft statement is to be issued with work starting in Spring 2010

9. UK Events

9.1 TCC Leeds symposium, 9 Sept 2009

It was hoped that this symposium could incorporate UK*fib* in some way. In the event this did not happen. However, 21 papers from 15 universities were presented and published by TCC, supported by IStructE.

9.2 General

A general discussion on the type of event in the UK took place. The target audience was considered to be generally academic.

Initial thoughts were for an evening event, perhaps at the Structures on "What is UK*fib* and how does it relate to *fib*?"

It may be possible to link with the Region and Club network to provide a joint event.

10. Other information

10.1 Forthcoming symposiums include

Croatia, May 2010. Codes of practice in structural engineering
Washington, June 2010. 3rd *fib* congress
Prague, June 2011. Concrete engineering for excellence and efficiency
Christchurch, August 2011. 9th symposium on high strength concrete

Please refer to *fib*-News (Dec 09) previously emailed.

10.2 *fib* Textbook

Publication expected early 2010. This may be released in sections for future update. SM has provided text for sections.

10.3 Items circulated since last meeting and 10 Jan 2010

fib Bulletin 49, Corrosion protection of reinforcing steels
fib Bulletin 50, Concrete structures for oil and gas fields.
fib News Sept 09
fib News Dec 09
fib Structural Concrete Vol 10 No. 3 September 2009
fib Structural Concrete Vol 10 No. 4 December 2009

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 The nominees with voting rights need to be clarified with *fib*.

Main – *S Denton (Head)*, G Clark and S Matthews
Deputy – C Goodchild, T Jones and T Kay

T Kay should be replaced by R Day

11.2 Actions from this meeting are summarised in table below.

NEXT MEETING

27 April 2010

Concrete Society, Camberley, 14.00hrs (buffet lunch available from 13.30hr)

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