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CIB is a world wide network of over 5000 experts from about 500 organisations, who actively cooperate and exchange information in over 50 Commissions and Task Groups. Their scopes extend to all fields in building and construction related research and development. They are listed on the next page.

They are actively engaged in initiating projects for R&D and information exchange, organising workshops, symposia and congresses and producing publications of acknowledged global repute.

It is in their ability to bring a multi-national and multi-disciplinary approach to bear on the subject matter delineated in their Terms of Reference that is their strength.

CIB Members come from institutes, companies, partnerships and other types of organisations as well as individual experts involved in research or in the transfer or application of research results. More than 130 Universities worldwide have joined.

CIB is an Association that utilises the collective expertise of its membership to foster innovations and to create workable solutions to technical, economic, social and organisational problems within its competence.

Details on Membership and Activities are obtainable from the General Secretariat at the address above.
CIB Task Groups (TG) and Working Commissions (W)  
(as at 1st January 2004)

Task Groups
TG23 Culture in Construction
TG28 Dissemination of Indoor Air Sciences (joint CIB-ISIAQ Task Group)
TG31 Macro-Economic Data for the Construction Industry
TG33 Collaborative Engineering
TG34 Regeneration of the Built Environment
TG37 Performance Based Building Regulatory Systems
TG38 Urban Sustainability
TG39 Deconstruction
TG40 Informal Settlements
TG42 Performance Criteria of Buildings for Health and Comfort (Joint CIB-ISIAQ Task Group)
TG43 Megacities
TG44 Performance Evaluation of Buildings with Response Control Devices
TG46 Certification in Construction
TG47 Innovation Brokerage in Construction
TG49 Architectural Engineering
TG50 Tall Buildings
TG51 Usability of Workplaces
TG52 Transport and the Built Environment
TG53 Postgraduate Studies in Building and Construction
TG54 Standardisation of Fibre Reinforced Polymers (FRP) Use in Building and Construction
TG55 Smart and Sustainable Built Environments

Working Commissions
W014 Fire
W018 Timber Structures
W023 Wall Structures
W040 Heat and Moisture Transfer in Buildings
W051 Acoustics
W055 Building Economics
W056 Sandwich Panels (joint CIB - ECCS Commission)
W060 Performance Concept in Building
W062 Water Supply and Drainage
W063 Affordable Housing
W065 Organisation and Management of Construction
W067 Energy Conservation in the Built Environment
W069 Housing Sociology
W070 Facilities Management and Maintenance
W077 Indoor Climate
W078 Information Technology for Construction
W080 Prediction of Service Life of Building Materials and Components (Joint CIB-RILEM Commission)
W082 Future Studies in Construction
W083 Roofing Materials and Systems (Joint CIB-RILEM Commission)
CIB Task Groups (TG) and Working Commissions (W0)
(as at 1st January 2004)

W084 Building Non-Handicapping Environments
W086 Building Pathology
W087 Post-Construction Liability and Insurance
W089 Building Research and Education
W092 Procurement Systems
W094 Design for Durability
W096 Architectural Management
W098 Intelligent and Responsive Buildings
W099 Safety and Health on Construction Sites
W100 Environmental Assessment of Buildings
W101 Spatial Planning and Infrastructure Development
W102 Information and Knowledge Management in Building (Joint CIB-UICB Commission)
W103 Construction Conflict: Avoidance and Resolution
W104 Open Building Implementation
W105 Life Time Engineering in Construction
W106 Geographical Information Systems
W107 Construction in Developing Countries
W108 Climate Change and the Built Environment
The CIB home page contains the following main and publicly accessible sections:
1. General Information
2. Newsletter
3. Databases

General Information
Included is General Information about CIB in the following sub-sections:
- Introduction, including among others: CIB in the past and present
- Mission Statement
- Membership which includes information on the various types of CIB Membership and on developments in the composition of the CIB Membership
- Organisation, including the composition of the CIB Board and its Standing Committees and of the CIB General Secretariat and links with the CIB Partner Organisations
- Programme of Activities
- Services to Members, and in addition the possibilities for Members to participate in CIB's Programme of Activities
- Fee System and How To Join, including the description of the current Membership Fee Levels and the option to electronically request a Membership Application Form

Newsletters
In this section electronic copies are included of the various issues of INFORMATION, the CIB Bi-Monthly Newsletter, as published over the last couple of years. Also included is an Index to facilitate searching articles on certain topics published in all included issues of INFORMATION
Databases
This is the largest section in the CIB home page. It includes fact sheets in separate on-line regularly updated databases, with detailed searchable information as concerns:

- ± 500 CIB Member Organisations, including among others: descriptions of their Fields of Activities, contact information and links with their Websites
- ± 5000 Individual Contacts, with an indication of their Fields of Expertise, photo and contact information
- ± 50 CIB Task Groups and Working Commissions, with a listing of their Coordinators and Members, Scope and Objectives, Work Programme and Planned Outputs, Publications produced so far, and Schedule of Meetings
- ± 100 Publications, originating to date from the CIB Task Groups and Working Commissions, with a listing of their contents, price and information on how to order
- ± 250 Meetings, including an indication of subjects, type of Meeting, dates and location, contact information and links with designated websites for all CIB Meetings (± 50 each year) and all other international workshops, symposia, conferences, etc. of potential relevance for people interested in research and innovation in the area of building and construction

Searchable Data: an Example
Searching for certain publications in the Databases in the CIB home page can be done in the following three ways:

1. In the home page itself a pre-selection is included of all recent CIB publications (published in the last 4 to 6 months). By clicking on "New Publications" the respective list will appear. By clicking on a title in this list the information fact sheet about this Publication will appear, including the option for an electronic order if it concerns a publication produced by the CIB Secretariat.

2. In the description of a Task Group or Working Commission in the database "Commissions" a pre-programmed selection is included of all publications produced under the responsibility of each Commission.

3. In the database "Publications" one can search, for example, for all publications on a certain topic, by simply typing the word that covers this topic in the box "Title" in the search page that appears when one asks for this database.

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