

## **TG76 Track and Workshop - Enabling Step-Change Construction Improvements**

TG76 was launched in Dubrovnik in September 2009 in order to address the need to better understand and recognize innovation in the construction sector. Underpinning the TG's remit is the assertion that much innovation goes unrecognised. By exploring new perspectives on innovation, and by combining multiple viewpoints within a broad exploratory framework, a much more robust understanding of innovation would emerge. The overall aims of TG76 are therefore:

- To bring together international perspectives on innovation in the built environment from socio-technical and socio-economic perspectives
- To develop context sensitive ways of recognising and measuring innovation
- To stimulate innovation across the portfolio of CIB Working Commissions and TGs

Following our successful debate session at the world congress in 2009, TG76 are pleased to announce a special track for papers at MISBE in Amsterdam in June 2011, together with an interactive workshop. Papers on the theme of innovation will be included in the special track. For those interested in taking part in the special workshop please read on.

### **Workshop Background**

Many of the key challenges confronting the built environment do not reside within the intellectual spaces defined by Working Commissions and Task Groups, but lie at the interfaces *between* them. In this workshop we aim to encourage representatives of various constituencies within the CIB community to challenge each others' thinking and orthodoxies in the pursuit of fresh solutions to the seemingly intractable problems within the built environment. The aim is to run workshops to generate fresh, collaborative research agendas by coagulating disparate knowledges and ideas.

We would like to encourage researchers from a range of different backgrounds to participate in this workshop, including those with technical, process and management interests. The workshop will be facilitated by Andrew Dainty and Carl Abbott, joint coordinators of TG76, as an 'open space' workshop. This format provides a loosely structured and democratic framework which allows for discussions to flow without the need for prior preparation or for a formal agenda. The participants will work in small groups to identify issues of mutual interest and possible solutions which lie in the space between their remits. The outcomes of the workshop will be presented to the CIB Program Committee with a view to identifying new theme areas to initiate at the next World Congress in Brisbane in 2013.

### **Reserving your place**

Places for this highly interactive workshop event are strictly limited. To book a place please contact either of the TG76 joint coordinators - Andy Dainty ([a.r.i.dainty@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:a.r.i.dainty@lboro.ac.uk)) or Carl Abbott ([c.abbott@salford.ac.uk](mailto:c.abbott@salford.ac.uk)) as soon as possible.

## **Other TG76 Events at MISBE**

Another activity planned for W65 is a joint debate session held in conjunction with TG78 (Informality and emergence in construction) on deconstructing paradoxes in construction. Given the multifarious and contested nature of innovation and its conceptualisation this provides the opportunity to debate how these are dealt with when seeking to encourage innovative practices.

A selection of papers drawn from the TG76 track will be invited to be developed into chapters for a forthcoming book on construction innovation.

We very much look forward to seeing you in Amsterdam!

*Andy and Carl*