

Announcement

Launch of the 2016-2017 cycle of international conferences on Sustainable Built Environment

Background

The SB conference series is now considered to be the pre-eminent international conference series on sustainable building and construction. The series is held on a three-year cycle and maintains a core emphasis on peer-reviewed papers, presentations of regional policy papers and displays of assessed projects. These events also provide fast-track inclusion of the best technical papers from regional conferences into the global event, as well as registration policies designed to encourage the attendance of students and delegates from developing countries.

The SB-series of conferences has provided delegates with an unparalleled view into regional and international sustainable building issues every three years, while providing host organizations with increased visibility and effectiveness in their own regions.

In all of these conferences one or more local organizations have taken financial and organizational responsibility, while the four international co-promoters have given organizational advice and have used their networks to ensure a large audience for the events. The international co-promoters are:

International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction (CIB, www.cibworld.nl),

International Initiative for a Sustainable Built Environment (iiSBE, www.iisbe.org)

UNEP-SBCI, the UNEP Sustainable Building and Climate Initiative, www.unep.org/sbci/,

International Federation of Consulting Engineers, www.fidic.org,

At its World Congress 2013, the CIB acknowledged the relevance of the series by giving the Construction and Society Award, with the rationale: *“The SB Conference series embodies everything that the CIB aims to achieve in promoting research and innovation that is to the benefit of society”.*

The last series of national and regional SB Conferences has recently concluded with sixteen SB13 events. The World SB14 Barcelona Conference, www.wsb14barcelona.org will take place on 28 to 30 October 2014 and promises to achieve an even higher profile.

The new cycle of conferences for 2016 and 2017

The next cycle of conferences will consist of national or regional events in 2016, followed by a global conference in 2017. For this cycle, the international co-promoters have decided that a more appropriate title for the series is Sustainable Built Environment (SBE), rather than the Sustainable Building title used so far. This shift is a more appropriate reflection of the fact that we wish to cover small urban issues as well as building-scale concerns.

CIB, iiSBE, UNEP-SBCI and FIDIC now request non-binding Expression of Interest (EOI) for the holding of a single global conference on sustainable built environment to be held in 2017 (the SBE17 Global Sustainable Building and Construction Conference), as part of the on-going Sustainable Built Environment Conference series. Please note that Expressions of Interest for National SBE conferences for 2016 will be subject of a separate EOI call in early 2014.

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