

2.4 Annual Report of London South Bank University Student Chapter

2.4.1 Brief Explanation of the History of the Chapter and its Objectives

The CIB students' chapter at the School of the Built Environment and Architecture at London South Bank University (LSBU) was set up in 2018 to provide a means by which students who will be the future leaders of building research and innovation can engage with and be inspired by current leading edge building research worldwide, and to appreciate at first hand the value of international exchange and cooperation. Introducing students to the advantages of CIB membership so that they are convinced of the value of maintaining membership of CIB in their future professional research and careers.

The Student Chapter's objectives are:

- to encourage the development of the research interests of its members.
- to encourage and enhance communication and exchange of research and academic work among its members.
- to encourage and provide opportunities for networking among research students and to develop research leaders.
- to facilitate and promote joint research and academic exchange with other national and international CIB Student Chapters and the global research community.

LSBU CIB Student Chapter key actions:

- Developing the CIB communication strategy.
- Creating a succession plan for the committee.
- Raising the profile of CIB and research at LSBU.
- Developing the CIB/LSBU website (Link to the CIB official website). Create a social media platform (Twitter, Facebook, WhatsApp). Initiate PhD student mentor scheme.
- Holding Quartile CIB events.
- Sending LSBU representative to the Global CIB conference.

2.4.2 Completed and Upcoming Activities of the Chapter in the Current Year

The group has not been functional since the last executive committee members graduated in 2020. This is because COVID-19 impacted the students' engagement, and new executives could not be formed. On this note, no activities are completed or planned in the current year. However, the activities below were the activities the 2018-2020 committee engaged in:

- Arranged forums and conferences throughout the two years among PhD researchers.
- Organised competition among PhD students to present their research in 10 minutes,
- selected the top 3 presentations through our panels and judges (professors and lecturers) and provided prizes to students for the top 3 presenters.
- Invited industry experts to interact and identify potential opportunities to commercialise PhD students' work.
- Organised workshops to learn from each other's new findings.
- Round table discussion among PhD researchers, every month

2.4.3 The Planned Activities for the Chapter in the Upcoming Year

The planned activity for the coming year is to:

- Re-constitute the executive membership of the CIB student chapter in the school.
- Restart the newsletter.
- Organise doctoral research network evening events.
- Organise doctoral workshops & seminars.

2.4.4 Contact Information of the Executive Members of the Chapter

- Board Members (2016 -2017)
 - President: Nuha Eltinay
 - General Secretary: Itua Omokhomion Comm. officer Upeksha
Madanayake
 - Events officer: Sikiru Ganiyu
 - Treasurer: Bharathi Ramachandran
 - Public Relations: Lucy Ogbenjuwa
 - Ex. President: Tara Singh Ghatauray
- Board Member (2018 – 2020)
 - President: Dr Mehdi Shahparvari MBA PhD
 - General Secretary: Bahareh Salehi
 - Comm. /Event officer: Dr Mubarak Abdelrasoul Elnour Ismail
 - Treasurer: Eric