

CIB Annual Review 2025



It was a year dominated by the World Building Congress (WBC2025), hosted so well by Purdue University in Indiana, USA, around the theme of Sustainable Built Environment: The Role of the Construction Industry in Meeting the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

Over 600 delegates attended from 43 countries, over 400 papers were presented across 126 sessions over four days.

Other highlights included the CIB Doctoral School, an industry day, and a range of high quality keynote speakers.



At WBC2025 the General Assembly elected a new Board to serve for the next three years, including our first President from China, Prof Dongping Fang of Tsinghua University, Beijing.

New CIB President 2025-2028

Professor Dongping Fang of Tsinghua University was elected as the 27th CIB President in May 2025



"I look forward to working with the new Board. Together I plan for us to build on recent efforts to improve the profile and impact of CIB, and to make it one of the best organizations to serve the building and construction industry."

Dongping Fang, May 2025

The last year saw the establishment of three new Task Groups and four new Student Chapters, and we held over 50 webinars including ten in the President's Webinar Series and six for our Early Career Researchers (ECR) network.

Growth in membership has seen four new Full members, eight new Associate members and fifteen new Individual or ECR members.

It was a year of increased activity and growth, and if you have any questions about any of our work please feel free to contact us at secretariat@cibworld.org.

Don Ward, Chief Executive,
October 2025



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Working Commissions and Task Groups



There are 37 Working Commissions or Task Groups.

Three new Task Groups were established in 2025:

- TG125 – Creating An Inclusive Built Environment for Diverse Users' Needs
- TG126 – AI in Construction
- TG127 – Social Value in Built Environment.

Two Task Groups were upgraded to Working Commissions:

- W124 – Net Zero Carbon Building Design and Construction Practices
- W125 – Accelerating Innovation in Construction.

A further ten appointed new Coordinators, showing the dynamic evolution of these groups, and we express our appreciation to all for their sector leadership. We welcome proposals from members for new Task Groups at any time.

Outputs from Commissions included:



W062 50th annual conference in Miami



iBEE 2025 W089 in collaboration with CHOBE and RICS



TG97-Nature-based solutions workshops



W116 Smart and Sustainable Built Environments webinar series



W121 Offsite Construction research roadmap



W099 Safety Health & Wellbeing in Construction and W123 People in Construction conference hosted in Kumasi, Ghana.

Publishing Partnerships

We endorse 32 scientific journals as being of high quality for our members to publish or cite papers. In addition, in 2025 we signed two MOUs with Emerald Publishing and Taylor and Francis.

Student Chapters

There are 21 Student Chapters at universities across five continents. In 2025 we welcomed new Chapters at:

- University of Pretoria, South Africa
- Nelson Mandela University, South Africa
- University of Newcastle, Australia
- NICMAR University, India.



University of Newcastle, Australia

Future Leaders Webinars

Six webinars were held at two-month intervals on subjects ranging from career development topics such as Scientific Writing and Teaching Methods to research areas such as Smart and Sustainable Built Environment and AI in Construction.

President's Webinar Series

The fifth CIB President's Webinar Series was organised by Makarand (Mark) Hastak and Purdue University in spring 2025, and featured ten panel discussions with leading researchers on aspects of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



All CIB's webinars are recorded and published on our YouTube channel.



Award winners

We present a number of Awards as well as the Vistas funding competition throughout the year, and in 2025 the winners were as follows:

- CIB Sebestyén Future Leaders Award 2025: Circular Plastic Workshop, Politecnico di Milano
- CIB Best Doctoral Research Award 2024: Hongying Zhao, RMIT
- CIB Keith Hampson ECR-Industry Award 2024: Arghavan Akbarieh, TU Eindhoven
- CIB Vistas funding 2025: Robert Osei-Kyei, Western Sydney University, et al

Also, at WBC2025 we were delighted to present the Wim Bakens Best Coordinator Award jointly to Jeremy Gibberd (W116) and Jack Goulding (121). Sadly, Jeremy Gibberd passed away just three months later.



Jeremy Gibberd



Jack Goulding





CIB is the International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction. We are the worldwide network of construction and built environment experts collaborating to improve the quality and impact of research and innovation activities in the sector. CIB was established in 1953 with United Nations' assistance.

CIB Board 2025-2028

In May the General Assembly elected the new Board to serve until 2028.



- Dongping Fang
- Ron Wakefield
- Piia Sormunen
- Makarand (Mark) Hastak
- Anil Kashyap
- Kim Haugbolle
- Srinath Perera
- Chris Allen
- Marianne Armstrong
- Bart Bleys
- Taha Elhag
- Claire Falck
- Keith Hampson
- Billy Hare
- Huub Keizers
- Brian Kleiner
- Sushma Kulkarni
- Kathy Michell
- Georg Reichard
- Geoffrey Shen
- Monty Sutrisna
- Janne Tahtikunnas
- Anita Terjék
- Eduardo Toledo Santos
- Patricia Tzortzopoulos

Membership

Full or Associate categories are for organisations to enable their people to participate, whilst Individual or ECR membership are for a single person. In the last year we have welcomed the following new members:

FULL

- BRANZ - Building Research Association of New Zealand
- Glodon Co. Ltd (Beijing)
- South African Council for Project and Construction Management Professions (SACPCMP)

ASSOCIATE

- Auckland University of Technology
- Chang'an University
- Chongqing University
- DGNB e.V. (German Sustainable Building Council)
- European Construction and Sustainable Built Environment Technology Platform (ECTP)
- Georgia Institute of Technology
- International Code Council
- Mukongoro Development Association
- National House Building Regulation Council (NHBRC)
- Nottingham Trent University
- University of Technology Sydney
- University of Washington

Links with other Organisations

Key organisations with whom we collaborate include

- Liaison Committee of International Associations of Civil Engineering (CIB, ECCS, fib, IABSE, IASS, RILEM) and
- GlobalABC hosted by UNEP.



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