

Report for the 26th General Assembly
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FIG Commission 10 – Construction Economics and Management
Report on Activities 2002–2003

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1. General

Progress has started to be made in increasing the number of active participants in the work of the Commission from national member associations. However there is still a very long way to go.

2. Working Group activities

Working Group 10.1 – Human Settlements, Economics and Environment Sustainability

Chair: Muratala Oladapo (Nigeria)

Progress Report

The Chair of this working group is still seeking additional input to this important group. The conference in Johannesburg last August built upon previous meetings and various commitments were made from organisations in working together to further the very worthwhile objectives.

Working Group 10.2 – Database for Quantity Surveying Education and Cost Management Professionals Worldwide

Chair: TBA

Progress Report

A chair for this working group still needs to be appointed. However, related organisations are reviewing their accreditation requirements and these will be entered on the database.

The ICEC, with which FIG has a Memorandum of Understanding, has assembled quite an amount of information that is on its website and provides education and competency standards from many countries. These may be downloaded at no cost.

ICEC is looking for any organisation that has similar standards to submit copies or summaries to them so that they may be added. In particular, standards and best practices from Africa and the Asia-Pacific Region are most welcome because the coverage of these areas is currently very limited.

Working Group 10.3 – Construction Procurement

Chair: Andrew Morley (United Kingdom)

Progress Report

The working group has started work to ascertain and review the primary procurement methods in use in Europe. It plans to then compare those methods relative to the political, cultural and economic factors prevailing where they are used and to establish best practice models for a range of different market conditions.

Later the project may be widened to look at methods and factors more globally. There is also great scope to survey and review the full cascade of procurement activity all the way down the supply chain. Work on these aspects will be largely dependent on the input of some yet-to-come-forward participants.

Working Group 10.4 – Standards, Research and Development in Cost Management, Quantity Surveying, Cost Engineering and Project Management

Chair: TBA.

Research is currently taking place into the usage measurement methods, particularly in the UK.

Furthermore the ICEC International Standard Working Group has compiled an extensive summary of standards and best practices which have been developed by many organizations in North and South America and Europe for cost engineering, project management and/or quantity surveying. Some standards from the Republic of South Africa are also included. The document summarizes the various standards and best practices and provides e-mail and Internet addresses from which copies of the various standards may be obtained.

As can be seen, progress is being made on a number of issues but needs to accelerate to achieve the objectives of the four year work plan.

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