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The CIB Programme Committee has given the 2007-2010 triennial Best Coordinator's Award to Paul Chynoweth, University of Salford, UK, Coordinator since 2006 of Working Commission W113 - Law and Dispute Resolution.

Earlier winners of the CIB triennial Best Coordinators' award were:

- in 2001: Prof Peter Barrett, University of Salford
- in 2004: Prof George Ofori, Singapore National University.

Award Criteria

The idea is to award the Coordinator who most significantly has been responsible for a most successful Commission.

In this context a successful commissions is defined as one that:

- has contributed most substantially to:

- international information exchange and cooperation in support of:
- the development and dissemination of (new) knowledge and technologies worldwide, and has been most meaningful to its members in the area as covered by the scope and objectives of the commission, through:
 - a series of regular (preferably annual) attractive conferences and/or other types of meetings
 - a stimulating work program that generates high quality and high impact outcomes, and thus has been most instrumental in:
- CIB membership retention and acquisition
- the positioning of CIB as a most vibrant and relevant organisation.

The Coordinator who, through his active and long lasting leadership, has contributed most to the success of such commission receives this award.

Award Winner 2007-2010

The motivation for awarding Paul Chynoweth is as follows.

W113 was established in 2006 as the result of a merger of two former Commissions in this area that at that time had become practically dormant, were losing members and had no significant program of activities and meetings anymore. Paul was appointed the Commission Coordinator.

Since W113 has developed into one of CIB's most active commissions and has helped to position CIB again as a relevant organisation in the area of construction law.

The commission established a series of annual conferences resulting in high quality proceedings.

Paul was in fact the main driving force behind the establishment of a number (3 as per April 19, 2010 with one more planned to be added prior to the 2010 CIB World Building Congress) of W113 related CIB Task Groups. Two of those are most relevant to the CIB Priority Theme of Sustainable Construction and one to the CIB Priority Theme of Integrated Design and Delivery Solutions.

This focussed the attention of the international community of the legal experts in Building and Construction on how they can best contribute to the defined CIB Priority Themes, even though these themes seem to be outside of their prime field of attention.

Paul has set up a new, W113 related and CIB Encouraged Journal in the area of international Construction Law, with himself as the main editor. The journal quickly developed into a high prestige one.

W113 was the first CIB Commission to establish an International Commission related CIB Student Chapter. This was launched at the CIB 2010 World Building Congress.



2007-2010 Best Coordinator's Award presented to Paul Chynoweth by the CIB Secretary General Wim Bakens at the CIB WBC 2010 Gala Diner on May 12 in Salford, UK (photo courtesy: Mr. Tom Heyblom)