



CALL for PAPERS

CIB W 084 “Building Comfortable and Liveable Environments for All”

May 15- 16, 2008, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, USA

The CIB Working Commission 084 “Building Comfortable Environments for All” invites you to submit high quality research papers for the International Meeting in 2008 in USA. After the Rome Meeting in 2004 and the one in Verona in 2006, the new Meeting of the WC 084 will be held in United States.

Topic Areas:

The principal topics were decided during the Technical Meeting of the WC in Cape Town, South Africa, last May. After a long discussion there and a further revision with the WC Members not attendant in May these are the subjects:

COSTS OF ACCESSIBILITY

HARMONISATION OF LEGISLATION AND STANDARDS

SPORTS, RECREATION AND ACCESSIBLE ENVIRONMENTS

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

UNIVERSAL DESIGN AT THE URBAN SCALE

TECHNOLOGICAL TOOLS SUPPORTING THE ACCESSIBLE ENVIRONMENT

CHALLENGES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

The timetable for processing abstracts and papers is as follows:

Submission of abstract	15th December 2007
Notification of acceptance of abstract	20th January 2008
Submission of first draft of paper	1st March 2008
Refereeing decision	31st March 2008
Submission of final paper	20th April 2008

Submission of abstracts

Abstracts (approximately 150-200 words) should be submitted, by email. Please include your correct email and postal address with the abstract. Submission for publication of papers should be submitted in the same way. They must not exceed 10 sides of A4 and must follow the standard template to be provided with further notice.

Abstracts must be sent by email to:

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Organizers

CIB International Council for Research and Innovation in Building, National Research Council, the Construction Technologies Institute and the Georgia Institute of Technology Center for Assistive Technology and Environmental Access/College of Architecture.

Background And Scope

The demand for comfortable, livable built environments for all is continuously creating new challenges in design. The need to accommodate the diversities of all cultures in personal requirements and lifestyles and to enable all individuals to participate in local and global society has opened the door for researchers and designers to meet the demand. The international goal is to meet the widest range of needs to the majority of our global population regardless of age, abilities and culture in both developed and developing countries.

This meeting will join people from different countries to discuss these issues and propose ways to address them. It will be an opportunity to exchange both unique and common experiences, knowledge and ideas, bringing to the table new perspectives and hopefully encourage research initiatives that would address the demand we are all experiencing.

Objectives

The objectives of the CIB WG084/2008 Meeting are as follows:

- **To explore and discuss challenges, issues and priorities that concern creating a built environment for all.**
- **To explore and discuss how developing countries can address these challenges, what may be learned and adapted from developed countries, and how we can all join together to meet the international goal of creating a built environment for all.**
- **To present and demonstrate how research and innovation can be used to help all countries address current and future demands of building inclusive environments for all.**

Who should attend the Meeting?

The CIB WG084/2008 Meeting is a major event for practitioners, public administrations and researchers from developing and developed countries in the areas of design, education, accessibility and usability of facilities, support of home technologies and daily life independence.

It is a significant event for accessing recent research results from different countries, to share knowledge and to network globally with experts around the world. The meeting will bring together an international audience mostly of academics, researchers, educators and policy-makers.

Language

The official language of the Meeting is English.

Organising Bodies

CIB is the world's foremost organization for construction researchers and practitioners. With its headquarters in Rotterdam, CIB is an international body dedicated to the research and documentation of the building industry. It brings together professionals from a broad spectrum of building organizations worldwide. The unrivalled collection of expertise of the more than 600 members is organized through a network of working commissions whose subject matter extends over every area of building and construction. Web: www.cibworld.nl

CNR (National Research Council, Italy) was founded in 1923, while the Construction Technologies Institute started its building research activities in 1962, inclusive of most key-areas of the construction sector, from materials to components, to whole systems. The Unit of Rome is long involved in the topics of Design for All and Home technologies; it is also the Coordinator of this CIB Working Commission 084. Web: www.roma.itc.cnr.it

The Georgia Institute of Technology is one of the nation's top research universities, distinguished by its commitment to improving the human condition through advanced science and technology. Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), the Institute offers many nationally recognized, top-ranked programs. Web: www.gatech.edu