

CIB W104 OPEN BUILDING IMPLEMENTATION

A Special Session and Business meeting, held in conjunction with UIA 2017 in Seoul, Korea / September 3-7, 2017

NOTES ON THE OPEN BUILDING SPECIAL SESSION AND BUSINESS MEETING

This meeting of the CIB W104 Open Building Implementation network was organized in conjunction with the UIA 2017 SEOUL Congress. Our participation was supported by the generous efforts of Professor Jaehoon Lee, PhD, Professor, Department of Architecture, Dankook University.

The Special Session on Open Building had seventeen peer-reviewed papers presented by PhD students, academic members and practicing architects from Japan, China, Singapore, Indonesia, Saudia Arabia, Nigeria, Israel, the United States, the Netherlands, and Australia. Professor Jin Baek, Seoul National University, offered a keynote talk titled "Openness and Hybridity: Lessons on the Fictive Potential of Urban Artifacts as based on Two Korean Regeneration Projects." Several posters were also mounted in the UIA poster exhibition, made by graduate students studying the open building approach in China and Russia. The abstracts of all papers accepted through peer review were published in a bound hard-copy and distributed at the UIA Congress, along with a CD with all of the full papers presented.

Twenty-four people attended the business meeting at the close of the presentations, kindly hosted by the DA Group Architects in Seoul. We found extremely encouraging with many young researchers delivered outstanding speeches based on very promising research and practice (Just to name a few: Marthijn Nienko Pool; Najwa Hijazi; Pingping Dou; Pieter Herthogs; and Oluwasegun Akande...)



Items discussed in the business meeting included:

1. *A new joint coordinator is urgently needed*
2. *More young academics and practitioners need to be recruited to join*
3. *After 20 years, there is a great need for high-quality state-of-the-art reports on various aspects of OB implementation, and education for OB*

4. *The need was identified for an active social media presence and a well managed website; several network members volunteered to launch a FaceBook site on our theme.*
5. *Announcement of a special issue of AD (05/vol 87/2017) Loose – Fit Architecture: Designing Buildings for Change (with 21 articles including essays by members of the international OB network - John Habraken, Steve Kendall, Renee Chow, Kazunobu Minami, Andrea Martin and Jorge Andrade)*
6. *The next OB conference will be in LA in October 2018, co-chaired by Steve Kendall and John Dale, FAIA, Principal of HED Design in Los Angeles who together are launching a professionally oriented NORTH AMERICAN COUNCIL ON OPEN BUILDING*
7. *Beisi Jia announced that there will be Open Building and alternative education session in the National Architectural Conference in Shenzhen China Nov. 3-6 2017*

Professor Steve Kendall was honored for his long service as joint coordinator of the CIB W104 from its inception in 1996 to 2016, by giving him the title “Honorable Joint Coordinator for Life.” Professor Kendall thanked the gathering and also gave his appreciation to all the current and past joint coordinators. A highlight of the business meeting was the presentation of a beautiful crystal cube to Professor Emeritus Yositika Utida, already an honorary member of the network, inscribed with the words: *To Professor Yositika Utida for his lifetime of service to mankind, architecture and study.*



Respectfully submitted by Jia Beisi and Shin Murakami, Joint Coordinators (with assistance from Steve Kendall, scribe)