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Around the Task Groups and Working Commissions

W104 – Open Building Implementation

Report of the Annual Meeting at “Adaptables 2006”, Eindhoven, The Netherlands, 3-5 July 2006

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W104 Business Meeting at Adaptables

CIB Working Commission W104 held its 13th meeting since the establishment in 1995. At this meeting, two new people were welcomed, one an architect from Dublin, Ireland and the other a faculty member from the University of Pretoria, South Africa. Fifteen members from Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, the US, Finland and the Netherlands took part in the business meeting, and in total 23 papers were presented in the Adaptables 2006 Conference under the Open Building heading.

At the CIB co-sponsored Conference “Adaptables 2006” W104 organized two detailed case study presentations of residential open building. First, representatives of PlusHome, a housing concept in Finland, using an integrated software system developed by architect Esko Kahri and Tokoman Inc. and SATO Development Company, presented their current building projects. PlusHome is being used to

support the design and construction of at least 10 projects numbering hundreds of dwelling units in the coming three years. The second case study presented was The Solids, a project of Het Oosten in Amsterdam, to be developed by Krystal Development, designed by Baumschlager and Eberle, architects. This large open building project, to be built in 2007, has received attention in a recent issue of Building Business, a widely read journal in the Netherlands.



Informal conversations of W104

Three items were discussed in the business meeting. One was the new book (OPEN BUILDING) being written by the three Joint Coordinators (Stephen Kendall, Beisi Jia and Kasunobi Minami). It will showcase in three languages and with more than 225 pages (A4 size in colour) more than 50 open building projects around the world, a number of essays by pioneers of open building – architects and developers – and also a number of interviews with key leaders in the field. It

will link readers to the W104 website for more details on many of the products and projects displayed in the book.

The second item of business was increasing the use of the W104 website (www.open-building.org). Dr. Kozo Kadowaki from the Tokyo Metropolitan University is the web master. He invited members to submit (upload) professional work, student work, papers and essays to him for inclusion in the site. The objective of the site is to make available detailed information about open building research and practice.



Panel Discussion during the PLUSHOME case study

The third item of discussion was the Commission Meeting in conjunction with the CIB World Building Congress in South Africa in May 2007. W104 will take part in the Congress, as well as participate in workshops organized with the support of Dr. Amira Osman (University of Pretoria, School of Architecture) to stimulate dialogue between W104 members and local architects, academics, community activists and government housing experts.