

The significance of this date, 7 July 2007, on the world calendar for building does not appear to have had the impact, at least in Australia, that one might have expected. Apart from its mathematical novelty, if you haven't recognised it, it is the **half way mark for the fifteen year period targeted by the United Nations to halve world poverty**. Tragically, it is behind schedule.

The **Eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)** are:

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Achieve universal primary education
3. Promote gender equality and empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV and AIDS, malaria and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability
8. Develop a global partnership for development.

Information on some measures of the progress that has been achieved is published in various website. See for example: <http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals/pdf/mdg2007.pdf> :

The Millennium Development Goals Report 2007 of United Nations

CIOB members can certainly relate directly to MDGs 1, 7 and 8. If all of the goals, essential to the well being of our fellow man, are to be achieved then organisations such as ours must keep them foremost in our ambitions for our global environment.

Asia Pacific Members' Forum

Kuala Lumpur 2007

The first meeting of the Asia Pacific Members Forum was held in Kuala Lumpur in May. CIOB has created the Members' Forum to provide a voice for members and a way of tapping into the knowledge and energies of the membership to benefit our profession and the organisation.

The Members' Forum is made up of one representative from each Branch or Region (the President or his/her nominee) and an additional 20 members from around the world, according to the number of members in each zone. The Chair of the Members' Forum is the President of the CIOB or a nominee. There will be two meetings of the forum annually in the UK, one of which is likely to be aligned with the CIOB annual dinner and a major conference. There are also two 'local meetings' planned for the 'UK & Ireland cluster' and the 'Asia Pacific cluster' to discuss and develop ideas of local importance.

The Members' Forum should become a powerful voice within CIOB, its key roles are:

- To appoint a number of people to the key governance committees charged with running CIOB and to receive reports from its appointees. This will facilitate direct feedback to members from these committees.
- To act as a 'sounding board' for the Trustees and to discuss, investigate and prepare reports and papers in response to requests from them; facilitating the direct input of members' ideas to the Trustees and committees.
- To share best practice, address issues of local importance at national and international level and to address issues of major importance to the industry.
- To seek to influence the Board of Trustees and its Committees of Governance in the interest of public benefit or members' benefit.

The purpose of the KL meeting and a similar one in the UK was to 'sign off' on the structure and concepts of the Members' Forum; this was achieved with only minor amendments to the proposals developed in the UK last year. Once the overall governance changes are approved at an EGM, the internal structures within the Forum may be developed to allow effective contribution by all interested members to focus the groups and subcommittees within the Forum which

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Mr.Isaac Sunder Rajan, President CIOB Malaysia with Patrick Weaver, President CIOB Australasia, at the Members Forum, KL.



CIOB Calls for Construction's Role on Climate Change Committee **CIOB press release**

The Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) has called for the Committee on Climate Change, as proposed in the Government's draft Climate Change Bill, to include expert representatives from the construction industry.

Michael Brown CIOB deputy chief executive said, "The Government has stated that the construction, occupation and maintenance of buildings account for around 50 per cent of the UK's total CO2 emissions, so it would seem sensible that the industry is well represented on any such committee on Climate Change."

"The CO2 target of a 60% reduction by 2050 and 26-32% by 2020 is welcome, but what we need greater clarity on how we are measuring this performance. Targets are the obvious way to reach the solution, but as an industry we need something to aim for and we need to know how these targets breakdown and can be achieved."

"There are also still questions that remain about

the powers of the Committee. The CIOB supports the establishment of an independent body, as suggested in the Bill. But we do not believe that the proposals indicated go far enough. For true integrity, the Committee should be able to regulate the performance of government without political interference."

The Government's draft Climate Change Bill is currently undergoing pre-legislative consultation. The Bill will give statutory force to the Government's targets for cutting emissions by 60 per cent by 2050.

In addition the Bill will introduce five year carbon budgets, which will require the Government to set, in secondary legislation, binding limits on CO2 emissions during five year budget periods, begin from 2008.

The Bill will also establish a Committee on Climate Change to work with the Government to reduce emissions over time.

Editorial

This issue of contact includes a larger number of "home grown" articles, a confirmation of the growing activities of CIOB Australasia. We are particularly pleased to be able to publish the results of the CIOB Student competitions, even if we must apologise that we do not have photographs of all of the winners.

Our cover page article 07/07/07 is in sobering contrast to the extravagant expenditure in the Emirates, on the Olympics and elsewhere in the Developed World that we have seen in previous issues of our newsletter and in the media in general.

As always, your views and input are most welcome.

The Editor

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are working on issues and topics of importance.

Whilst in KL, I took the opportunity to present Dr Paul Shepherd with a token of our appreciation of the unstinting support he has shown to the Australasian Region during our formative years. Paul is a former President of the CIOB and has been Chair of the International Board for the last six years. It has been during this time that our

region was approved, founded, staffed and has become firmly established as a part of CIOB International. The International Board will cease to exist under the new governance structure with many of its roles being assumed by the new Members' Forum.

Report by Patrick Weaver, President CIOB Australasia.

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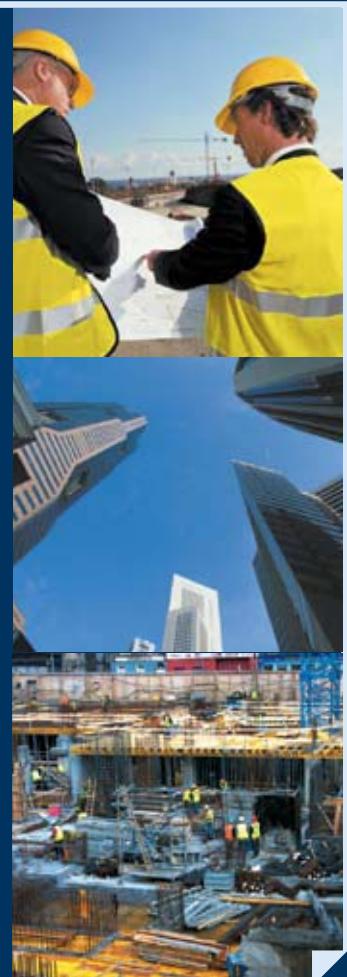
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President's Column

Whilst July marks the start of the new financial year for most of us, it is mid way through the CIOB financial year and just one quarter of the way through our new Council's term.

Since the last newsletter, CIOBA has continued to grow and to expand.

Events in Christchurch and Wellington are expanding our presence in New Zealand. Paul Spray has accepted the role of Centre Chair in Victoria and Jodie working in our Sydney Office with our Centre Committees has a full schedule of events planned for the balance of 2007. All members and friends of CIOB can help in this effort by identifying interesting people who may be willing to present a paper at one or more of our Centre meetings, or who is planning to travel to another Centre for business and would be happy to include a talk to members during the trip. All Jodie needs is the introduction to start making the connections. Jodie can be contacted by email at jrichardsmccabe@ciob.org.au.

Strategically, we are starting to focus on formal recognition of CIOB credentials and events by various arms of government around our Region. This is particularly important in those States requiring formal CPD records for holders of various builders' licenses as well as for CIOB members looking to migrate to Australia.



We have developed a strategy to formalise this recognition progressively, which will add significantly to the value of CIOB membership for many individuals. This initiative augments our current and continuing focus on improving member services and University liaison.

The other critical job to be completed in the

next few weeks is our budget for 2008. All of the Centre Chairs have been asked for input and ideas but as a membership based organisation, all of your ideas are welcome. If you feel there is something we should be doing send an email to either myself or our Regional Manager, Elizabeth for consideration. Framing our budget is just the start of the approval process but if we don't ask, we won't get; so now is the time for your ideas and suggestions.

Internationally, we are starting to see the fruits of CIOB's governance review. The transition from the old Council to the new governance structure has started and will be completed by mid 2008. The first 'local' meeting of the new Members Forum was held in Kuala Lumpur in May and the result of the energy expended on modernising CIOB is emerging for our primary purpose of developing professional construction managers world-wide. I believe this will make a huge difference to the way CIOB operates and in its ability effectively to deliver new and enhanced services to all members.

For an organisation approaching its 175th year, it is exciting times.

Patrick Weaver
President, CIOB Australasia

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