

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 2010

GLOBAL IMPACTS ADDRESSING THE RISKS

12th & 13th October 2010

Slieve Donard Hotel, Newcastle

PROGRAMME

Commentary

The annual Northern Ireland Building Control Convention is being organised this year by the North Eastern Group in association with the Northern Ireland Building Control Group Committee.

The Convention will focus on the Global issues of Climate Change and Economics and how extremes in either of these areas affect the Construction Industry in Northern Ireland. It will endorse the view that we in the North West periphery of Europe are not isolated from Global climatic events, be it catching the tail end of Caribbean hurricanes, flash floods, or feeling the effects of volcanic activity from Iceland or elsewhere. It will also consider the systems of Regulatory Control in the USA, Europe and locally and how shared knowledge and standards may be adapted to meet the challenges ahead.

The Convention is aimed at elected members, local and central government officers, building control officers, architects, developers and environmentalists.

The Convention is delighted to be running in association with the AGM and Autumn Meeting of the 'Consortium of European Building Control' (CEBC). Northern Ireland Building Control are privileged to host the CEBC event in Newcastle and to share the information and experiences of our European neighbours with the building control fraternity and the wider construction industry in Northern Ireland.

We are also delighted to be supported by funding from the European Community INTERREG IVa Fund, as part of the support for the East Border Region. This will ensure that the standard of our Convention will be maintained at an extremely high level.

From our programme you can see that a range of high profile speakers have been assembled to present papers on topical and thought-provoking themes. We hope that you will find the Convention enjoyable, interesting and of social value. It is also our view that the event will strengthen the bonds with our European colleagues and form the basis for a renewed understanding and closer cooperation in the future.



The Organisers invite you to visit the Exhibition in the Conference Hall.
BCNI would like to thank all exhibitors and supporters who have assisted in organising this event.

DAY 1

Tuesday 12th October 2010

Chaired by NIGC Chairman

- 11.30 **Registration and Exhibition**
- 12.30 **Lunch**
- 13.25 **Introduction**
- 13.30 **Welcome Address**
Cllr Eamonn O'Neill, Chairman of Down District Council
- 13.40 **Launch of the Convention & Keynote Address**
Margaret Ritchie, M.P. (South Down), M.L.A.
- 14.00 **GLOBAL INFLUENCES**
Climate Change Predictions
Alice Owen, Associate Director – Ove Arup
- 14.25 **ECONOMIC & SOCIAL IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE**
Cost Impacts
Cliff Warman, Environmental Practice Leader – Marsh Insurance
- 14.50 **Tea / Coffee and Exhibition**
- 15.10 **LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCE**
Structural Defects
Snow loading on Buildings
Stig Akerman – CEBC Sweden
Dealing with Floods
Almere Experiences
Joop van Leeuwen, CEBC the Netherlands
Storm Damage to Buildings
NHBC Experiences
Mark Jones, General Manager NHBC – CEBC UK
Timber Frame Construction
The New Zealand Experience
Dept of Building & Housing, Wellington NZ
- 16.30 **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**
Facilitator (Facing the Challenges)
- 17.15 **Close of Afternoon Proceedings**
Visit Exhibition
- 19.00 **Convention Reception**
- 19.30 **Convention Dinner**

DAY 2

Wednesday 13th October 2010

Chaired by David Smith
– President of CEBC

- 09.00 **Registration and Exhibition**
- 09.20 **Introduction by Chairman**
- 09.30 **THE AMERICAN CODE SYSTEM**
Code Development and Experiences of Extreme Climate in the US
Robert James, Manager Regulatory Services Underwriter Laboratories Inc. USA
- 10.00 **PLANNING & BUILDING CONTROL – IMPROVING THE CONNECTION**
Kevin Dawson – Group Manager Construction & Compliance, Peterborough City Council
- 10.25 **BUILDING CONTROL NI – PROMOTING CULTURAL & ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGE**
An East Border Region INTERREG IVa initiative
Joseph Birt – Specialist Support Officer, South Eastern Group
- 10.45 **Tea / Coffee and Exhibition**
- 11.15 **EUROPEAN DIRECTIVES & STANDARDS**
European Approaches and Development of the Construction Products Regulations
Dr Rainer Mikulits, Director OIB – CEBC Austria
- 11.40 **PROTECTING PEOPLE & THE ENVIRONMENT IN NI**
The Northern Ireland Experience and Exchanging Knowledge with our European Neighbours
John Dumigan, Chief Executive – Down District Council
- 12.05 **TOTO WE'RE NOT IN KANSAS ANYMORE**
"Can you enter the twister and survive"
Trevor Martin – Head of Belfast Building Control
- 12.30 **Questions & Close of Convention**
Chairman and Conference Co-ordinator
- 13.00 **LUNCH**
Convention Co-ordinator – Roy Bennett

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