



An Overview of the Organization in 2008-09

The International Initiative for a Sustainable Built Environment

Overview

iiSBE is an international non-profit organization whose overall aim is to *actively facilitate and promote the adoption of policies, methods and tools to accelerate the movement towards a global sustainable built environment*. iiSBE has an international Board of Directors from almost every continent and has a small Secretariat located in Ottawa, Canada. Our specific objectives include the following:

- Map current activities and establish a forum for information exchange on SBE initiatives, so that gaps and overlaps may be reduced and common standards established; and
- Increase awareness of existing SBE initiatives and issues amongst the international buildings and construction community;
- Take action on fields not covered by existing organisations and networks.

Our most important activity is networking; helping specialists and generalists to get to know each others' abilities and needs. This occurs formally through our databases and newsletter, and informally through every-day e-mails. Other more specific activities include the following:

- We are probably best known for the continuing development of our building performance assessment system, formerly known as GBTool, and now known as SBTool. This is a flexible framework operating on Excel that can be configured to suit almost any local condition or building type;
- In 2007, we developed a version of SBTool to suit the needs of an international competition sponsored by the Principality of Monaco, to extend the downtown area into the sea. The flexible framework proved its worth and its application was an unqualified success;
- In 2008, iiSBE has been retained to develop a common assessment system for the *SB Alliance*, a grouping of primarily European assessment and certification-oriented organizations. The work has involved the consulting services of iiSBE experts from Spain, Italy, USA and France, and the first phase will be completed by December, 2008;
- The *Sustainable Building Information System* (SBIS) is a multi-language, web-based database of international R&D information relating to sustainable building. The system is attracting users from around the world - see <www.sbis.info>;
- We have established a web-based database called the Skills Registry, which features a searchable file of the skills and experience of individuals and organizations who are iiSBE members. Anyone can browse the Skills Registry at <www.iskr.net>;
- The iiSBE Education Working Group focuses on post-secondary education, including curriculum development;
- iiSBE, CIB and UNEP are international co-sponsors of the SB global conference series that began at Maastricht in 2000, then went on to Oslo in 2002 and Tokyo in 2005. The venue for 2008 is Melbourne, Australia - see www.sb08.org;
- In partnership with CIB and UNEP, iiSBE also sponsored a series of regional SB conferences in 2004, all linked structurally to the Tokyo SB05 event. A similar series took place in 2007, in 10 locations. The coordinators of these events have prepared summaries of the state of sustainable building in their regions at SB08, and the best peer-reviewed papers had a fast-track to the SB08 event;
- We are managing and providing technical support for the international *Sustainable Building Challenge* (SBC) process, which invited design and development teams to display projects at our global SB conferences. The projects need to be assessed by any of the established rating systems and also need to submit data on key performance indicators;
- We are a partner organization of the UNEP Sustainable Building and Construction Initiative (SBCI), a group of global construction-sector firms that develop initiatives related to sustainable building.

Structure of iiSBE

Officers and Board of Directors

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Jean Cinq-Mars, Treasurer	P.Graham / L. Braganca, Education
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iiSBE Local Chapters (existing or in process of being formed)

iiSBE Canada (Toronto)	Bob Bach
iiSBE Chile (Santiago)	Norman Goijberg
iiSBE Czech Republic (Prague)	Petr Hajek
iiSBE Italia (Torino, Italy)	Andrea Moro
iiSBE Israel (Tel Aviv)	Yehuda Olander
iiSBE Portugal (Minho)	Luis Braganca
iiSBE Espana (Madrid)	Felipe Pich-Aguilera
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Becoming a Board member

The qualification required to become a member of the Board is that you have already joined iiSBE as a Member, before the deadline for nominations has passed. Board members are selected on the basis of their personal qualifications and not their country or organizational affiliation.

1. Note that Standing Committee Chairs are pro-tem and must be confirmed by committee members
2. Note that Chapter Chairs are pro-tem until the status of their Chapters are confirmed.