

SBE Coordination Meeting on SBE18-20 events, January 18-19, Paris

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce SBE conference organizers to the background and intent of the series and to discuss mutual issues. The meeting took place at the **UN Environment** Economy Division in Paris on 18 and 19 January 2018. The following persons participated.

WB:	Wim Bakens, CIB	IC:	Ivan Cerda, Temuco SBE19 Chile
LB:	Luis Bragança, iiSBE	PH:	Petr Hajek, SBE19 Prague
NS:	Nora Steurer, UN Environment	AL:	Antonin Lupisek, SBE19 Prague
FB:	François Baillon FIDIC	MY:	Morishita Yu, Tokyo SBE19
AP:	Anders Persson FIDIC	FF:	Francesco Firoito, Sydney SBE19
NL:	Nils Larsson, SBE representative	JvO:	John van Oorschot., Eindhoven SBE18
RL:	Richard Lorch, Editor, BRI	HW:	Holger Wallbaum, SBE 2020
AA:	Anete Ashton, IOP Publishing	IK:	Iza Kurkowska, SBE2020
AM:	Andrea Moro, SBE19 Milano	TV:	Teemu Vehmaskoski, SBE19 Helsinki
RB:	Ruben Paul Borg, Malta SBE19	GP:	Giovanna Petrunaro, SBE19 Calabria
TL:	Thomas Lützkendorf, SBE Weimar		
AP:	Alexander Passer Graz SBE19		By web conferencing
PJ:	Phil Jones, Cardiff SBE19		CC: Cheng-Li Cheng Taipei SBE18-19
NS	Nicolas Schiappacase SBE19 Chile		KT: Katerina Tsikaloudaki, Thessaloniki SBE19

1. The meeting convened at 14:10 on 18 January with mutual introductions. John van Oorschot emailed his regrets because he was stuck in Netherlands due to an intense winter storm, and Nicolas Schiappacase had an urgent family problem that prevented his attendance..
2. NL provided a short outline of the SBE series, its objectives and its mode of operation.
3. AM introduced iiSBE's plans to launch a process to develop an international version of the CESBA urban assessment framework. The process will be based on the participation of URBENERE and national teams that will develop generic versions suited to their regions. It is proposed that the national framework groups will meet in mid-June in Barcelona to discuss progress.
4. An issue that is not central to the purpose of the meeting, but is highly relevant, is the fact that we face a problem with the continuing involvement of our main media partner, *Building Research & Information* (BRI), due to his contract expiring very soon, based on a new corporate policy. It was agreed that Richard Lorch is a key actor in disseminating information coming out of the SBE series and it was decided that the SBE partners and the conference organizers would write to the publishers (Taylor and Francis), to ask for his contract to be extended to 2021, to cover the outcome of this cycle of the series.
5. Luis Bragança introduced the topic of indexation of papers and asked each organizer about their plans in this respect as they presented their plans.
6. We then began asking conference organizers about their plans.
 - Morishita Yu, representing Tokyo SBE19, informed the group that plans are still preliminary but they have decided to move the time of their event to early August. They are still considering the inclusion of a regional climate change roundtable, but have not decided yet.
 - Phil Jones, from Cardiff, said that his event is being organized by an NGO called Sustainable Wales. He went on to say that Wales has a well-developed policy on sustainable development in construction, including government programs for retrofits and innovation in the sector. He plans on a CC roundtable. Planning is still preliminary, but the emphasis will be on the policy to practice nexus. Their preferred date is September 2019, but they are flexible.
 - Francesco Firoito, representing Sydney SBE19, said that a specific location in the Sydney area remains to be selected and that plans are still preliminary. However, it has been decided

that a climate change roundtable will be a central element of the event, in view of Australia's vulnerability to climate change. The organizers are open to the idea of indexing all papers.

- Teemu Vehmaskoski provided an update on Helsinki SBE19, where planning is proceeding according to the proposal.
- Planning for the Malta SBE19 conference is in a preliminary stage. One problem they are trying to overcome is a difficulty in obtaining participation of other independent island states that might share similar environmental problems. There are several small islands that have similar problems, but most are part of larger national entities, and therefore have different potential for action.
- Ivan Cerda presented an update on the Temuco SBE19 event, which is seen as an important opportunity for Chile to play a strong role in the region. Plans are still preliminary.
- CESB19 (Prague) will build on the previous successful events at the Technical University, going back to 2004. A climate change roundtable will be included.
- Plans for Graz SBE19 were presented by Alexander Passer. The conference will focus on "Transition for a zero-carbon built environment" where different formats will be established. AP suggested to have national round tables on SDGs, NDCs and/or other activities prior to the meeting (e.g. the day before) and requested support by the international partners to do this. Graz is also aiming at close collaboration with WSBE2020 and other regional conferences (i.e. DE, IT and CZ).
- SBE19 Weimar planning is at a preliminary stage, according to Thomas Lützkendorf. It is intended that the conference will be organised in cooperation with Bauhaus-University Weimar – in conjunction with 100 years of Bauhaus Weimar. Main topics are – among others – education, user behaviour, sufficiency. A climate change roundtable will be included in the programme. Bauhaus-University is considering an invitation to several Russian colleagues.
- Katerina Tsikaloudaki connected by Skype to present plans for the Thessaloniki SBE19 conference. The preparations are on a preliminary stage, but they are progressing according to the plan. The previous experience of SBE16 Thessaloniki conference is very valuable for the organization of the new event. The organizers consider the publication of the papers in an open access, indexed journal very important.
- Andrea Moro presented plans for the Milano SBE19 conference, which is proceeding according to plan. One unique aspect of their planning is that each of the major thematic areas will have a separate Scientific Committee, which will ensure that the most expertise is focused.
- AM also outlined plans for the Calabria SBE19 event, which is unique in that the theme is the development of public policies related to performance assessment. Another feature of note is that the registration cost will be zero.
- Anette Ashton of IOP Publishers provided an outline of the process of indexation and publication in journals. A preliminary cost figure is 20 Pounds UK per paper, which is based on 1000 papers being available in year 3. Templates will be provided. Full details of this offer will be provided ~~by Richard Lorch~~.
- Holger Wallbaum (WSBE2020) stated that the slogan *Beyond 2020* is an important element in their planning, placing emphasis on actions coming out of their event. The use of SDGs as a structuring device is another important element. There will be panels as well as interactive roundtables and workshops that emphasize co-creation. Another element of importance is the development of strategies and action plans for impoverished nations and regions. HW emphasized the importance of the climate change roundtables, but they are also hoping to see roundtables on sustainable development goals (SDGs). Jean Félix suggested that discussions of SDGs should be linked to the *Nationally Determined Contributions* (NDCs) for GHG reductions that were agreed to at COP21 and subsequent discussions. NS proposed

that there should be a roundtable on NDCs. NL suggested that, although the high-level SDG definitions were somewhat vague, that the second-level definitions contained more specific guidance. A point raised by others was that it would be valuable to have information on the link between NDCs and various sectors of the economy, especially the built environment.

- One member pointed out that the SBE website (sbe-series.org) needs to be updated and that a Dropbox should be established for relevant files (this has now been done).

POSTSCRIPT: Eindhoven SBE19

These notes about Eindhoven SBE18 were provided after the meeting (John van Oorschot was stuck in Netherlands due to a major storm and Ronald Rovers was on holiday).

- John van Oorschot & Ronald Rovers confirmed the SBE conf in Eindhoven The Netherlands, on 5-6-7 November 2018. Main theme will be how to RETROFIT EUROPE 's 250 million houses, in short time. Subtitle is: “ innovation meets practice”.
- There will be round table debates on this at the start and end of the conference. As well as focusing at different retrofit concepts, with special attention for a limited CO2 budget left under the 2 degree scenario. In between solutions are explored in detail, with paper sessions, practice sessions (EU research etc) and on location parallel sessions. (on prefab panel production sites, retrofit sites, neighborhood restructuring sites etc.)

themes will be:

- 1– How to get 250 Million people adopt retrofits?
- 2– prefab retrofit panel production units/and upscaling
- 3– materials and CO2 impacts of retrofit
- 4– concepts /packages for large scale retrofitting (plenary debate)
- 5– Europe wide application, versus local limits
- 6– circular/bio-based retrofitting

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