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**CIB First Announcement and Call for Papers, TG95
International Conference on Professionalism and Ethics in
Construction
21 – 22 November 2018, London, UK**

Background

The construction process involves several activities undertaken by many persons with different academic and practice backgrounds, from different companies, working to accomplish inter-related and inter-dependent tasks in an atmosphere of uncertainty and risk. Thus, it is necessary for participants at any stage of the process to be assured of the quality and efficacy of the work completed at earlier stages which becomes their inputs. Construction activity and its products relate to health and safety, and elements of sustainability, and can have a lasting impact on the lives and wellbeing of the community. There should be competence, professionalism and dedication to public interest on the part of all construction participants in order to attain the best offer to clients, building performance, sustainable development.

The construction industry has a poor image in most countries from an ethical point of view. The issues include: corruption, malpractice and mismanagement on projects; predatory business practices; and poor responsibility towards the well-being of its own workforce and other stakeholders. It is estimated that up to one-third of the governments' investments in construction is lost through corruption and mismanagement. Collapsed buildings and disastrous fires are other examples.

There have been many studies of professionalism in construction over the years. In practice, there have been arguments on which construction occupations are legitimate 'professions' and what features a profession should have. There have also been discussions on the current state and the future of the construction professions. The issue of ethics and shortfalls in it have also been topical.

Governments seek to regulate the professions and the construction process to protect society. Nations also have statutory and administrative provisions against corruption. Professional institutes have standards of performance and ethics. Society expects the construction professions to deliver the much needed buildings and infrastructure with a focus on the well-being of the community.

It is appropriate and timely to explore and deliberate upon the state of professionalism and ethics in the construction industry around the world and consider actions for improving the situation.

Conference Aim and Objectives

The aim of the conference is to provide an opportunity to review knowledge on professionalism and ethics and how it relates to the construction process in different countries, in order to make proposals of actions for improving the situation.

The objectives of the conference are to:

- review the state of the construction professions in different countries, and the implications of this state of affairs
- consider the importance of ethics in construction, the current state of adherence to ethics in different countries and implications of the present situation
- discuss what can be done to develop the construction professions and practitioners to enhance the levels of professionalism and ethics to improve performance and enhance industry's social image.

Possible topics

The papers submitted for the special issue might explore topics including the following:

- The state of the professions in the construction industry; the underlying factors and the implications
- Regulation and control, and continuous development of the construction professions
- Professionalism and current issues in construction such as leadership; sustainable development; stakeholder management; technology development; and innovation
- Project management and professionalism
- Ethics in construction and current issues relating to it such as modern slavery, responsible sourcing, considerate contracting
- Transparency and forms of open contracting
- Stakeholder management and citizen involvement in construction



- Education and training, and the development of professionalism and ethical awareness among students
- The future of the built environment professions.

Authors can propose and address any topics which fall within the aims and objectives of the conference.

Important Dates

Submission of Abstracts	07 August 2018
Notification of Acceptance of Abstracts	14 August 2018
Submission of Papers	30 September 2018
Notification of Decision on Papers	14 October 2018
Submission of Revised Papers	31 October 2018

The Papers

There will be three main types of papers for the conference:

- Academic Stream: papers will be subjected to the scrutiny process of good conferences
- Practice Stream: papers will be considered on their technical merit and innovation
- Case Studies: these may be research or practice-based.

Submission of Abstracts

Please submit your Abstract of 250 words: islama18@lsbu.ac.uk. Indicate your affiliation and email address. Include up to 6 keywords.

1. Each Academic Stream Abstract will be sent to two referees who are researchers
2. Each Practice Stream Abstract and that for a Case Study will be considered by two practitioners.

Authors of abstracts which pass the peer-review process will be invited to submit full papers. The deadline for submission of abstracts is 23:59hrs GMT on 31 July 2018.

Submission of Full Papers

Full papers must not exceed 10 pages of A4 paper, and should be in compliance with guidelines and a conference paper template, which will be made available at the conference website. Each academic paper will be reviewed by two members of the scientific and technical committee. If the paper is accepted its author(s) will be invited to present the paper at the conference. At least one author of each paper must be able attend the conference.

Organising Committee (to be presented in Second Announcement)

Scientific and Technical Committee (to be presented in Second Announcement)

Key Issues

- Conference Fees: £395; a discount on the fees for Students will be announced in the Second Assignment
- Conference Website: this will be set up before the second announcement.
- Outline Programme: (i) Plenary Sessions (2 on each day); (ii) Technical Sessions for Academics; (iii) Technical Sessions for Practitioners; (iv) A Dialogue Session on Professionalism; (v) A Dialogue Session on Ethics; and (vi) A Debate on a Contemporary Topic. (A dialogue session will involve four invited prominent speakers from both research and practice, making brief statements, and then holding a discussion among themselves, with comments and questions from the participants.)
- Refreshments included in the Registration Fees are: (i) Welcome Reception; (ii) Lunch and 2 Breaks each day; (iii) Buffet Conference Dinner
- Conference Documents will include: (1) full programme; (2) summary of Abstracts; (3) soft copies of the full papers on a USB Drive; (4) two-volume set of proceedings (one each for Academic and Practice papers) – these may be purchased; and (5) selected papers in a Special Issue of a reputable journal.

Main Organizers

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Information

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