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### **Dr. Wim Bakens Coordinator's Award for the Joint Coordinators Jorge de Brito, Bruno Daniotti and Michael Lacasse**



Every three years, since 2004, the CIB Programme Committee awards a Coordinator (or a group of Coordinators or a Priority Theme Leader) who has been responsible for a Commission that made the most significant contributions to the CIB scope and objectives.

For the term 2016 – 2019, the Best Coordinator Award (renamed the Dr Wim Bakens Coordinator's Award) was given to the Joint Coordinators of W080 – Service Life Prediction of Building Products and Components:

Professor Jorge de Brito, IST, Portugal;  
Prof. Dr. Bruno Daniotti, Politecnico de Milano, Italy;  
and  
Dr. Michael Lacasse, NRC, Canada.

Over the past few years, of all CIB Commissions, W080 has by far attracted the most new Members, with many registering on advice of the Coordinators in order to be able to join W080.

Approximately three years ago, the Commission was in a dire state. After a very productive (nearly 20-year) period, during which the Commission played an initiating and, indeed, crucial role in the production of new European standards in the area of Service Life Prediction in Building and Construction, the Commission was in need of a renewal of its Scope and Objectives and its Work Programme. Furthermore, the Commission welcomed fresh perspectives to help revitalize its efforts.

After an enlargement of its leadership the Commission's Scope and Objectives were redefined with a stronger focus on Sustainability aspects.

Meanwhile, a new [Work Programme](#) was developed which included a number of relevant, challenging, well defined and organized projects, for which the Commission Coordinators took responsibility.

Thanks to the commitment made by each Coordinator to be involved in outreach efforts (both internal and external to CIB), and due to the high quality of these projects and how they were communicated, experts from across the world accepted the invitation to become members of CIB and join W080, among other projects.

Today, W080 is a thriving Commission again, with a strong and committed leadership, a well-focused and relevant Work Programme and an enthusiastic Membership. For more information on the Commission, click [here](#).

