

# 2015 Global Leadership Forum for Construction Engineering and Management Programs (GLF-CEM)



#### 2015 GLF-CEM Report

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#### 1 **Message of Organizing Chair**

Greetings to all who are interested in receiving and reading this 5th Global Leadership Forum report on activities of the academic community in Construction Engineering and Management.

For this year's Forum the Executive Committee had chosen an attractive destination in the middle of Europe, in the middle of Germany, in the heart of Thuringia. Weimar has always been and still is a place where people come easily to get inspiration and hook up on new ideas. The participants of the GLF-CEM 2015 have done this by exchanging their thoughts, concepts and visions on the future of Construction Engineering and Management in different parts of the world.

As host of the GLF-CEM 2015 in Weimar I am proud, that this Forum and the integrated selected lectures attracted a number of new members and delegates especially from European countries. Among those were delegates from Poland, Spain, Austria/Greece, United Kingdom, The Netherlands and, of course, Germany, who participated for their first time in the Forum. But also the participation of other delegates, from America, Africa and Asia, as well as additional information shared by those members who could not participate personally this year was impressing.

Step by step the Global Leadership Forum has established itself within the past 4 years as representative body for Construction Engineering and Management activities, education and research excellence programs worldwide.

This year's plenary discussion has been focused on two special topics: 1<sup>st</sup> a broad debate about the global trends and its impact on Construction Engineering and Management tasks and developments and 2<sup>nd</sup> the discussion about pros and cons for standardization of education programs in academia.

I thank all the co-organizers and supporters of the conference in Weimar and Ettersburg for their dedication and help in the preparation and during these 5 sparkling days. I wish everybody fruitful reading in this year's report.

All fruitful discussions and results achieved this year are a promising basis for next year's follow-up Forum.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone again in Beijing, China in 2016.

Sincerely,

Hans-Joachim Bargstädt

Organizing Chairman, GLF-CEM 2015

H.J. Brystoll Professor and Chair, Institute of Construction Engineering and Management Bauhaus-Universität Weimar

#### Acknowledgement

We would like to thank all participants for their fruitful contributions and discussions. In addition we would like to thank the professors Middleton, Kagioglou, Wium, Hastak, Shen, Bargstädt and Soibelman for giving exciting guest lectures to the students of Bauhaus-Universität Weimar. We would also like to thank the GLF-CEM chairman, Geoffrey Shen, for leading all participants through an interesting agenda and for bringing everyone to a consensus even when opinions seemed to be contradictory.

Finally we thank the host, Prof. Bargstädt and his team, who organized the conference in Weimar, and the sponsors German Research Foundation (DFG), Kaiser Baucontrol and EUROVIA. Special thanks go to Torsten Teichgräber from Strabag AG Jena for giving an inspiring and very practice oriented dinner speech.

#### 3 List of delegates

Title	Family name	First name	Institution	Country
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Prof.	Bargstädt	Hans-Joachim	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar	Germany
Prof.	Bauch	Ullrich	KAISER BAUCONTROL Ingenieurgesellschaft	Germany
DiplIng.	Bendl	Joachim	Bauhaus-Weiterbildungsakademie	Germany
Prof. Dr.	Beucke	Karl	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar	Germany
DiplIng.	Bode	Birgit	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar	Germany
Prof.	Chen	Po-Han	National Taiwan University	Taiwan
DiplIng.	Dahana	Mada	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar	Germany
M.A.	Deobald	Milena	Bauhaus-Weiterbildungsakademie	Germany
Prof. Dr.	Donath	Dirk	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar	Germany
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Prof.	Hastak	Makarand Mark	Purdue University	USA
Prof.	Havers	Martin	Kapellmann und Partner Rechtsanwälte mbB	Germany
DiplIng.	Hollermann	Sebastian	Sieveke GmbH	Germany
Dr.	Homann	Cornelius	Kapellmann und Partner Rechtsanwälte mbB	Germany
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Prof.	Kalidindi	Satyanarayana	Indian Institute of Technology Madras	India
DiplIng.	Kaufmann	Ralf	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar	Germany
Dr.	Kirschke	Heiko	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar	Germany
Prof.	Lahmer	Tom	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar	Germany
DiplIng.	Lück	Andreas	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar	Germany
DiplIng.	Melzner	Jürgen	MARKGRAF GmbH	Germany
Prof.	Metzner	Steffen	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar	Germany

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Prof.	Molenaar	Keith	University of Colorado	USA
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Prof.	Nentwig	Bernd	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar	Germany
Prof.	Nical	Aleksander	Warsaw University of Technology	Poland
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Prof.	O'Brien	William	University of Texas at Austin	USA
Prof.	Pellicer	Eugenio	Universidad Politécnica de Valencia	Spanien
Prof.	Plank- Wiedenbeck	Max Uwe	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar	Germany
DiplIng.	Ponnewitz	Judith	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar	Germany
Prof.	Rodehorst	Volker	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar	Germany
Prof.	Ruth	Jürgen	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar	Germany
Prof.	Sawhney	Anil	Amity University	India
Prof.	Shen	Geoffrey	Hong Kong Polytechnic University	Hong Kong
Prof.	Smarsly	Kay	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar	Germany
Prof.	Soibelman	Lucio	University of Southern California	USA
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Dr.	Teichgräber	Torsten	Strabag AG Jena	Germany
Dr.	Timmler	Hans-Georg	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar	Germany
M.Sc.	Valavanoglou	Ageliki	TU Graz	Austria
Prof.	Varghese	Koshy	Indian Institute of Technology Madras	India
DiplIng.	von Gynz- Rekowski	Beatrice	Bauhaus-Weiterbildungsakademie	Germany
DiplIng.	Weber	Larissa	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar	Germany
Prof.	Wium	Jan	Stellenbosch University	South Africa
DiplIng.	Wündsch	Björn	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar	Germany
Prof.	Wüthrich	Charles T.	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar	Germany
DiplIng.	Zhyzhyl	Anton	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar	Germany

#### 4 Program

#### Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 2015

1700

HS A, Marienstraße 13

Guest lecture - Professor Geoffrey Qiping Shen

#### Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 2015

0915 to 1015

HS B, Marienstraße 13

Guest lecture - Professor Campbell Middleton

1100 to 1200

HS B, Marienstraße 13

Guest lecture - Professor Makarand Hastak

1200 to 1230

Mensa, Marienstraße 15

lunch break

1230 to 1330

HS B, Marienstraße 13

Guest lecture - Professor Jan Wium

1330 to 1430

HS B, Marienstraße 13

Guest lecture - Professor Mike Kagioglou

1500 to 1700

R210, Marienstraße 7a

GLF-CEM Executive committee meeting

1700 to 1730 pm

Bauhaus Atelier

Registration of members

1730 to 1600 pm Bauhaus Atelier

Welcome reception and introduction to new members

#### Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 2015

0915

Meeting room, Ettersburg Castle

Introduction of host and venue

0920

Meeting room, Ettersburg Castle

Speech by Chair

0935

Meeting room, Ettersburg Castle

Short presentation of new members and guests

1000

Meeting room, Ettersburg Castle

Introduction to Standing Committees

1030

Meeting room, Ettersburg Castle

Coffee Break

1100

Presentation of Trends Committee – two parallel

Meeting room, Ettersburg Castle e

discussion

1200

Meeting room, Ettersburg Castle

Discussion of Tends

1245

Restaurant, Ettersburg Castle

Lunch Break

1330

Meeting room, Ettersburg Castle

Networking Presentation to General Assembly

1430

Meeting rooms, Ettersburg Castle

Two parallel sessions by two Standing Committees

1530

Coffee area, Ettersburg Castle

Coffee Break

1630

Meeting room, Ettersburg Castle

Final assembly with group presentations

1700

Meeting room, Ettersburg Castle

**Closing Remarks** 

1830

Resturant, Ettersburg Castle

Dinner and Speech

Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 2015

0900 to 1000

Visit to Anna Amalia library

Platz der Demokratie 1

1000 to 1230

Guided city tour

*Markplatz* 

1230 to 1445

Köstritzer Schwarzbierhaus

Lunch break

1445 to 1830

Goetheplatz

Visit to "Buchenwald" memorial

Monday, June 8th 2015

0730 to 0900

HS D, Marienstraße 13

Guest lecture - Professor Hans-Joachim Bargstädt

1000 to 1230

HS D, Marienstraße 13

Guest lecture - Professor Lucio Soibelman

#### **5** Guest Lectures

Guest lectures from GLF-CEM members, as part of this year's global leadership forum.

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#### **INTERNATIONAL GUEST LECTURES**

Global Leadership Forum for Construction Engineering and Management Programs

Prof. DrIng. HJ. Bargstad	n.	A NO. LONG.
Time/Place	Guest Lecture	
Thursday 4th of June, 5 pm in hall A, Marienstr. 13	Professor Geoffrey Qiping Shen Hongkong Polytechnic University	
	Ensuring value for money in large, complex construction projects	
Friday 5th of June, 9.15 am in lecture hall B, Marienstr. 13	Professor Campbell R. Middleton University of Cambridge	
Mancusti. 13	The Future of Construction	
Friday 5th of June, 11 am in lecture hall B, Marienstr. 13	<b>Professor Makarand Hastak</b> Purdue University	
	A model for profitability analysis of a	
	construction company	
Friday	Professor Jan Wium	
5th of June, 12.30 pm in lecture hall B,	Stellenbosch University	
Marienstr. 13	Factors to be considered when choosing	
	between pre-cast and in-situ concrete	
	construction: A South African Perspective	
Friday 5th of June, 1.30 pm in lecture hall B, Marienstr. 13	Professor Mike Kagioglou University of Huddersfield	
Marienstr. 13	Benefits realization: The essence of	
	Lean Thinking	
Monday	Professor Hans-Joachim Bargstädt	
8th of June, 7.30 am in lecture hall D, Marienstr. 13	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar	
	Special tasks in work planning for	
	construction sites	
Monday 8th of June, 9.00 am	Professor Lucio Soibelman	
n lecture hall D,	University of Southern California	
Marienstr. 13	BIM and IT in Construction –	

The research to practice gap

#### 5.1 Ensuring value for money in large, complex construction projects

Presented by Prof. Geoffrey Quiping Shen, Chair Professor of Construction Management, Department of Building and Real Estate, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University.

The construction industry in Hong Kong is challenged by a large demand for housing. This is accompanied by various initiatives to ensure value for money in large and complex construction projects. Prof. Shen then shared results from research and development that have been conducted over the last 20 years, supplemented with real life case studies of infrastructure and building projects.





Full presentation: http://rebar.ecn.purdue.edu/glf/2015/shen-presentation

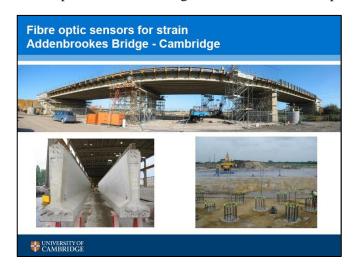
#### **5.2** The future of construction

Presented by Prof. Campbell Middleton, Director of the Laing O'Rourke Centre for Construction Engineering and Technology, University of Cambridge.

The construction industry is at a crossroads. Faced with the prospect of scarcer resources and the need to dramatically decrease carbon emissions, it must adapt to operate more efficiently and sustainably. At the same time, the global population is rapidly growing and urbanizing, demanding both increased construction activity and infrastructure that can provide housing, transport, water, energy and digital communications networks for the cities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Already the digital engineering revolution is transforming the way information is used by the supply chain at all stages of the construction process. New materials will transform the fabric of our structures and smart sensors will provide real time information on operation and performance.

To deliver such transformation, there will be need to fundamental changes to procurement practices as these underpin and drive all subsequent outcomes. Key ideas to facilitate this transformation of the industry are discussed in relation to various stages of the construction process, specifically planning and procurement, design and analysis, construction, operation and maintenance and end-of-life configurations. For each phase, current practices are challenged and alternative concepts must be evaluated.





Full presentation: http://rebar.ecn.purdue.edu/glf/2015/middleton-presentation

#### 5.3 A model for profitability analysis of a construction company

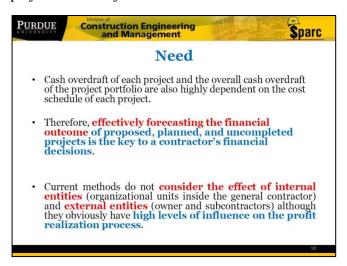
Presented by Prof. Makarand "Mark" Hastak, Head of Construction Engineering and Management and Professor Of Civil Engineering at Purdue University.

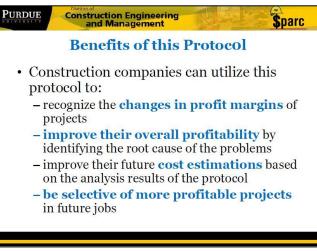
Presented was a model for profitability analysis of a construction company. The effective forecasting of the financial outcome of proposed, planned, and uncompleted projects is the key to a contractor's financial decisions. Current methods do not consider the effect of internal and external entities although they obviously have high influence on the process of profit realization.

Five steps as part of the protocol are to be taken for applying the presented model:

- 1. Identification of cost and profit centers;
- 2. Investigation of all relationships between the entities;
- 3. Assessment of the performance of all relationships;
- 4. Location of the change in profit on the WBS of a profit center;
- 5. Finding solutions and calculation of the overall profitability of the construction company

The protocol can be utilized by construction companies for recognizing the changes in profit margins of projects, improving their overall profitability by identifying the root cause of the problems, improving their future cost estimations based on the analysis results of the protocol and for being more selective of profitable projects in future jobs.





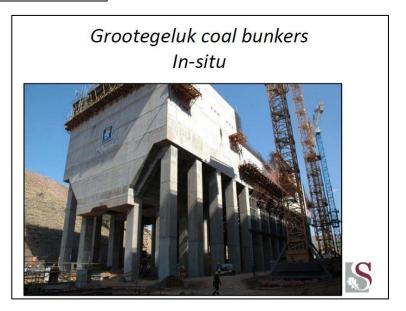
# 5.4 Factors to be considered when choosing between pre-cast and in-situ concrete construction - A South African Perspective

Presented by Prof. Jan Wium, Chair in Construction Engineering and Management, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Stellenbosch.

A South African perspective has been presented on the factors which have to be considered when choosing between pre-cast or in-situ concrete.

The choice of an appropriate construction concept for a project is determined by several different factors. Very often this choice is driven by experience and local customs. The use of pre-fabrication on projects has proven to provide certain benefits to the project, including faster erection and improved quality. In South Africa relatively little use is made of pre-fabrication, and project teams are not always aware of the benefits due to the traditional use of in-situ construction. This presentation explores the factors that play a role when a project team decides between pre-cast and in-situ concrete construction. The research aims to provide project teams with the necessary information to make informed choices between these construction methods.

Cost, quality	and time	e comparisor	
between in-situ and precast			
Cons	sulting engine	ers	
	Precast	In-situ	
Cost	33%	67%	
Time-efficiency	100%	0%	
Quality	92%	8%	
	Contractors		
	Precast	In-situ	
Cost	10%	90%	
Time-efficiency	80%	20%	
Quality	90%	10%	



 $Full\ presentation: \underline{http://rebar.ecn.purdue.edu/glf/2015/wium-presentation}$ 

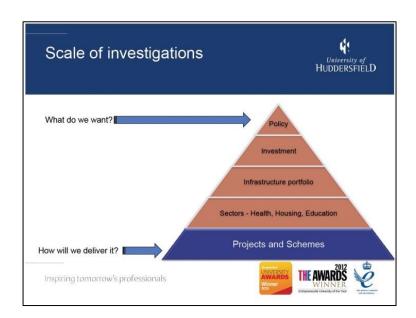
#### 5.5 Benefits realization: The essence of Lean Thinking

Presented by Prof. Mike Kagioglou, Dean of Art, Design and Architecture at the University of Huddersfield.

The impact of lean thinking was presented in provision of a potential solution through benefits realization.

The current practices in construction lack to consider more soft issues, such as stakeholder management, communication and benefits. The presentation emphasizes on a more multi-disciplinary view, needed to overcome the challenge of developing projects and programs that deliver ultimate benefits at a larger scale.

For this, a BeReal and Lean knowledge management was considered as a means of turning fragmented data into useful information, as introduced when described the benefits segmentation and profiling techniques.





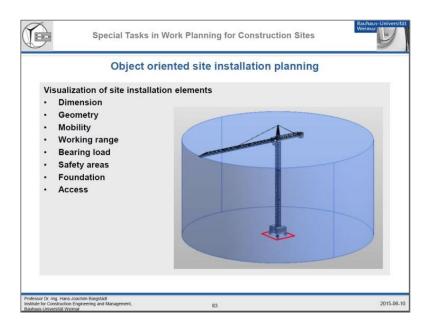
 $Full\ presentation: \underline{http://rebar.ecn.purdue.edu/glf/2015/kagioglou-presentation}$ 

#### 5.6 Special tasks in work planning for construction sites

Presented by Prof. Hans-Joachim Bargstädt, Institute for Construction Engineering and Management, Bauhaus-Universität Weimar.

Special tasks in work planning for construction sites have been presented. These covered the area site layout from an organizational and safety perspective as well as communicational aspects related to Building Information Modeling. The challenges have been illustrated by the use of different construction projects such as Lehrter Bahnhof in Berlin (main railway station), a highway bridge in Germany and many others. The presentation gave a broad overview about tasks in site planning and also about the wide range of knowledge which prospective site managers should acquire.





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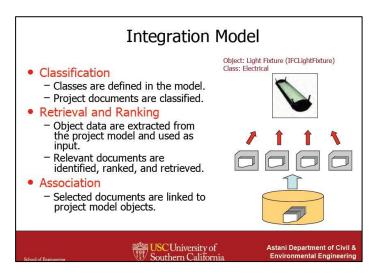
#### 5.7 BIM and IT in Construction – The research to practice gap

Presented by Prof. Lucio Soibelman, Chair – Sonny Astani Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at University of Southern California.

The environmental challenges require large research effort. Civil engineering researchers, especially in Construction Engineering and Management, have acquired very promising results in the past years in Building Information Modeling. Research prototyping shows the large potential of BIM in better planning, more accuracy, better quality and transparency. Virtual mock-ups yield a better understanding of complexity and of possible interference areas.

By implementation of an integrated building information model there are improvements in efficiency on several levels. One of these improvements is the timely identification of penetrations and embeds. However, there are many more if taking into account additional and adjacent innovations as laser scanning and imaging technologies, model creation from point clouds, project history visualization environments, virtual site logistics, immersive displays, augmented reality, construction robotics. Even if this potential is still not widely introduced in practice, there are even more powerful advances in the hindquarters, for example, energy-aware smart facilities collaboration and other technologies based on intelligent data mining.





Full presentation: http://rebar.ecn.purdue.edu/glf/2015/soibelman-presentation

#### **6** Executive Committee meeting

An executive Committee meeting was held on 05. June 2015, prior to the Global Leadership Forum-CEM general assembly meeting. The attendees were as follows:

- Prof. Geoffrey Shen, Prof. Hans-Joachim Bargstädt, Prof. Jan Wium, Prof. Lucio Soibelman, Prof. Makarand Hastak, Prof. Mike Kagioglou (all in person),

and via video conference system:

- Prof. Irtishad Ahmad, Prof. Ed Jaselskis (via web conference system)

The protocol of the ExCom meeting is internal. It can be requested on demand by the chairman or the secretary of GLF-CEM.

# 7 Minutes of meetings from the general assembly and working committees (trends, outreach and membership, graduate program standards, upcoming GLF-CEM)

#### 7.1 General

Saturday, 6th of June started with an introduction given by the host, Prof. Bargstädt. He welcomed all GLF-CEM participants at the castle Ettersburg in the near vicinity of Weimar. This castle was built in the period of 1706-1712 by the duke of Saxonia-Weimar-Eisenach, Wilhelm Ernst, as a small hunting residence. After the refurbishment in 2008 it is now used as exclusive conference center and for other festivities.

The chair Professor Shen opened the meeting by briefly presenting the vision of GLF-CEM and the results gained in the last 5 annual meetings. GLF-CEM started 5 years ago with lots of organizational activities before the focus could be shifted to different research activities. The task for now is to categorize what has been achieved in the last meetings and how it can be transformed into touchable results.

#### 7.2 Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting

Prof. Shen informed all GLF-CEM members about the results of the Executive Committee meeting from the previous Friday afternoon.

Two candidates were proposed for Executive Committee members. The forum then decided to name Professor Koshy Varghese for secretary.

Thus from 2016 on the Executive Committee members are as follows:

- Chair: Prof. Simaan Abourizk.
- Vice-Chair: Prof. Hans-Joachim Bargstädt
- Treasurer: Prof. Ed Jaselskis
- Secretary: Koshy Varghese (new elected member from 2016 on)
- Prof. Geoffrey Shen
- Prof. Jan Wium (elected member since 2015)
- Prof. Lucio Soibelman
- Prof. Makarand Hastak
- Prof. Mike Kagioglou
- Prof. Irtishad Ahmad
- Prof. Dongping Fang
- Prof. Bud Griffis

Regarding the past and upcoming next venues for the GLF-CEM it was decided to make a longer forecast on future hosts. The following gives an overview about all past and planned hosts and venues until 2020.

Year	Host	Location		
Past				
2011	Prof. Makarand Hastak	Purdue University, West Lafayette, USA		
2012	Prof. Makarand Hastak	Purdue University, West Lafayette, USA		
2013	Prof. Geoffrey Shen	Hong Kong Polytechnic University		
2014	Prof. Simaan AbouRisk	University of Alberta, Banff, Canada		
2015	Prof. Hans-Joachim Bargstädt	Bauhaus-Universität Weimar, Germany		
Upcomin	ng -			
2016	Prof. Dongping Fang	Beijing, China		
2017	Prof. Lucio Soibelman	Los Angeles, USA		
2018	Prof. Jan Wium	Stellenbosch, South Africa		
2019	Prof. Irtishad Ahmad	Miami, USA		
2020	Prof. Mike Kagioglou	Huddersfield, England		

The established GLF-CEM subcommittees and their chairs have been confirmed as follows:

- Trends Committee (Mike Kagioglou);
- Graduate Programs Standards/Guidelines Committee (Lucio Soibelman);
- Outreach and Membership Committee (Makarand Hastak).
- Upcoming GLF-CEM Committee (Hans-Joachim Bargstädt);

#### 7.3 Introduction of new members

- Professor **Campbell Middleton**: Cambridge University, 10 years bridge building experience, construction engineering and technology section, interested in: teaching issues; focus on infrastructure technologies at Cambridge, collaboration with other universities;
- Professor **Alexander Nical**: Technical University Warsaw, focus on precast production, institute focuses on various topics in collaboration with polish companies, mathematical methods for management of construction (fuzzy methods, ...), eLearning methods for construction management students;
- Professor **Andreas Hartmann**: University of Twente: Entrepreneur University (focus on innovations), personal focus: infrastructure management; project based bachelor programs;
- Professor **Eugenio Pellicier:** University of Valencia: focus on health and safety, technology management and others; Professor **Shang-Hsien Hsieh:** National Taiwan University: interest in R&D applications of IT-technology in construction and teaching issues, focus on BIM (BIM research center since 2009);
- Professor **Po-Han Chen:** National Taiwan University: head of construction management; different research and teaching interests;

- Professor **Keith Molenaar:** University of Colorado, interest in construction safety issues, organization and others as well as international exchange of students.

#### forum guests:

- **Ageliki Valvanoglou**: representing Professor Detlef Heck: Technical University Graz, institute of construction management; focus on contracts, procurement, and;
- Lawyer **Cornelius Homann**: representing Professor Martin Havers (Kapellmann and Partners lawyers) interest in legal aspects of construction for teaching on Bachelor and Master level;
- Professor **Hans-Wilhelm Alfen:** Bauhaus-Universität Weimar; dean of the faculty civil engineering and head of the chair construction economics;

**Torsten Teichgräber** head of technical division Züblin Thüringia (belonging to STRABAG SE); interest in practical and educational aspects of graduates.

#### 7.4 GLF-CEM working groups

The GLF-CEM has established 4 working groups focusing on the following aspects:

- Outreach and Membership committee: convener Mark Hastak
- Upcoming GLF-CEM committee: convener Hans-Joachim Bargstädt
- Graduate Program Standards committee: convener Lucio Soibelman
- Trends committee: convener Mike Kagioglou

At this year's meeting the focus has been put on "the graduate program standards" and the "Trends committee".

#### 7.4.1 Graduate Program Standards Committee

The objective of the Graduate Program Standards Committee meeting was to discuss two facets of Construction Engineering and Management graduate programs:

- a. What should we teach and how should we teach it?
  - o Should we build/share a common body of knowledge?
- b. How can we assess our programs?
  - Assess success/need for improvement

#### What Do We Teach?

#### **Defining the Scope**

#### Brainstorming session:

#### What is our common knowledge?

Is a "standard approach" or "common core program" possible?

Must consider different specifics of each university:

- Location
- Faculty
- University requirements
- Students
- Clients
- Research
- Access to industry

## How can we work together (two-way) with industry better?

- Can we vet model through industry to ensure we have the outcome they need?
- Not just research real-world problems
- Technical knowledge AND personal skills are required
- Partnerships through continued education
- Knowledge transfer programs (fight brain drain)
- Programs should focus on being long-term (life-long learners) not short-term (industry

- Engineering vs. management programs
- will want short-term outcomes); e.g. teach change adaptation not training for specific technologies
- The means of delivering courses/teaching methods can develop skills like leadership without changing the curriculum (case studies, group work/discussion, industry input or guest lectures in courses)

#### Steps to define what we have in common:

- Get names and descriptions of courses
- Consider the needs of the "consumer" (employers) of the "product" (graduates)
- Define key attributes of graduates

Could build off of existing frameworks or tie in to them (CD10 framework (MIT), ASCE vision documents)

### What is our goal/desired outcome? What level do we want to go to?

- Should we aim to create a steering or guidance document?
- Do we want to pursue a method for program accreditation?
- Document for benchmarking programs?
- Better define difference/outcomes of each university?
- Guide for self-assessment (define gaps/areas of strength/differentiation or niche)?
- Define the body of knowledge?

#### **Decisions**

After the brainstorming session outlined above, the following decisions were made

- 1. The programs should remain flexible/ have core requirements that allow uniqueness and competitiveness between universities
- 2. The group should produce a white paper that presents guidelines not standards
- 3. Industry involvement is desired (to promote lifelong learning)
- 4. It is not practical to require accreditation, but it is agreed that a core knowledge exists

The method of teaching is just as, if not more, important as the content

#### How do we assess?

#### Brainstorming session:

It may not be possible to give guidelines on teaching methods in the document; could we share experiences/examples of teaching specific content and the outcomes? Maybe it could be something similar to the Exceed Excellence in Engineering Education ASCE Program.

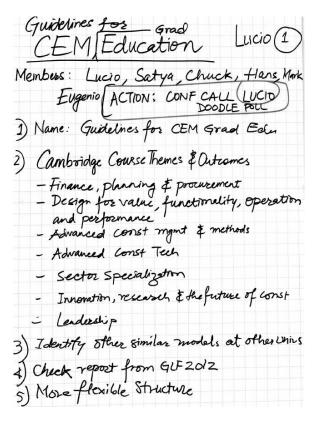
Is diversified knowledge a required attribute (courses outside of engineering)?

Should industry be involved in defining attributes?

CII Executive Leadership Program provides some attributes that could be considered.

What is the minimum core that everyone should teach? Outside of that, flexibility gives flavor to programs

The group brainstormed the following knowledge areas that should be acquired by students in CEM programs:



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8) Publish a "Rosetta Stone" for
CEM, Ms program requirements
9) Define a Rubric for MS Graduates
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#### **Knowledge Areas**

- Planning
- Scheduling
- Risk management
- Managing people
- Cost management
- Cost control
- Safety management
- Legal aspects (contracts)
- Project delivery
- Quality management
- Estimating
- Engineering economics

- Productivity management
- IT in construction
- BIM
- Front-end planning
- Construction methods
- Change management
- Equipment (or asset or facility)
   management
- Plan reading
- Codes and standards
- Dispute and conflict resolution
- Environmental sustainability issues

#### **Benchmarking Metrics**

- Student/faculty ratio
- Full-time/part-time ratio (faculty and student)
- Number of units to degree (minimum)
- Number of classes
- Frequency of classes
- Average class size (maximum number of students per class)
- Teaching methods
- Industry engagement
- Distance education
- Executive education
- Teaching load (grad/undergrad)
- Internal assessment (student employment, employer questionnaire, alumni)
- · Advisory board

#### Program assessment

- What is done in different programs?
- Student feedback?
- Benchmarking?

#### "Soft Skill" Attributes

- Communication
- Critical thinking
- Ethics
- · Negotiation skills
- Managing change
- Problem solving
- Team dynamics

#### **Decisions**

The group decided to conduct a survey of GLF-CEM members that will ask for:

- Name of graduate program
- List of classes with detailed description of courses
- Opinion on attributes that graduate students should possess

#### White Paper

After analyzing the survey results, the group will determine the bare minimum set of graduate attributes, and will then produce a white paper that provides guidelines for CEM programs.

#### 7.4.2 **Trends Committee**

The report about the latest trends consists of 4 presentations and was given by Professor Kagioglou and Professor Wium. The following slides show the main input of the discussion:

#### **General:**



#### Contents

- · Background to the Trends Committee
- · Terms of reference and mandate from the Banff workshop
- · Report on progress made over the last year
- · Discussion on the way forward

#### The Genesis!

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#### · GLF purpose:

- Be at the forefront of developments in CEM and through its engagement with future leaders ensure the global consideration of issues and how these can be applicable in CEM programmes,
- Trends Committee purpose:
  - Report and articulate construction/Built Environment industry, educational, and research trends that have the potential or already impacting CEM and CM graduate programs

research and the collaboration with industry.

#### Banff workshop members

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- Guiwen Liu Chongging University
- Xiaolong Xue Harbin Institute of Technology
- · Lug Chang National Taiwan University
- Rick Hermann PCL Industrial Management Ltd.
- Makarand Hastak Purdue University Rene Morkos - Stanford University
- Leonhard Bernold Universidad Tecnica Federico Santa Maria
- Ming Lu University of Alberta
- · Kasun Hewage University of British Columbia Janaka Ruwanpura - University of Calgary
- . Thomas Ng University of Hong Kong
- Mike Kagioglou University of Huddersfield
- Jan Wium University of Stellenbosch Jeff Russell - University of Wisconsin
- University of Alberta Students

#### **Definitions**

- · Trend (taken form Oxford and Free Dictionaries):
  - The general direction in which something tends to
  - A general tendency or inclination.
  - Current style; vogue: the latest trend in fashion.
  - intr.v. trend-ed, trend-ing, trends
    - · To extend, incline, or veer in a specified direction: The prevailing wind trends eastnortheast.
    - To show a general tendency; tend: "The gender gap was trending down" (James J. Kilpatrick).

#### **Identified Themes**

- 1. CE/CEM Programmes
- Needs of the Industry (including industry and academic working together)
- 3. Funding trends in HE and Industry
- 4. Research

#### Initial list of areas identified

- Educational experience Multidisciplinarity
- Understanding of fundamentals by students
- Student expectations and talents
- Educational outcomes
- Experiential learning
- Location of CEM programmes i.e. engineering, business, management, arts, etc.
- Education in data rich environments
- Online training / distance learning
- More PhDs going into industry
- Assessment of lecturers and professors and students UG internship, Grad Residency tied to w/thesis
- Teaching and Learning techniques (hi-tech / low-tech)
- Teaching tools
- Ethics in Curriculum
- CEM specific student competitions
- Changes in Curriculum
- Resident industry instruments

#### Initial list of areas identified

- Number of UG/G programmes in CEM
- Professional Registration
- Availability of funds from government, industry, others
- Types of funding i.e. horizon 2020, NSERC engage
- Global collaboration for research, education, study abroad, etc.
- Curriculum and community engagement
- Industry partnership in Capstone courses
- Entrepreneurship and Commercialisation
- Sustainable Design and Construction
- Technology based Research
- Multidisciplinary research System based research
- Longitudinal research
- Smart buildings
- Sensor / big data / VR
- Safety related topics
- Industry and Academic collaboration

#### Progress made throughout last year

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- · 6 weekly Skype meetings since July 2014
- · Early realisations:
  - Had to be realistic around sample size and resource that can be utilised for the studies
  - GLF membership skewed towards particular continents/countries
  - Buy-in from membership
  - Establishing trends necessitates the establishment of a norm/baseline
  - Global survey vs individual theme-based ones

#### Themes and theme leaders

- CEM/CM programmes: Lead: Jeff Russell and Tom Foley
- · Needs for Industry: Lead: Rick Hermann
- · Funding Trends Higher Education and Industry: Lead: Kasun Hewage
- · Research: Lead: Jan Wium

#### Structuring the work

- · Determining desktop reviews and surveys
- · Envisioning the structure of the white paper

#### Doing something is better than talking about everything!

· We agreed on the design and dissemination of 3 surveys in research, programmes and industry and one desktop exercise

#### limitations

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- · Just about everything!
  - -Sample size and representation
  - Validity
  - -Breadth
  - Resource available
  - -etc

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tation of all outcomes before lunch

- We do now have a starting point across all themes, in various degrees
- It is quite clear where gaps exist and how studies can be expanded
- It needs the active engagement of the whole GLF membership and beyond
- Presentation of all outcomes before lunch time

Way forward

Workshops on every theme after lunch and defining the way forward

Well done to the whole team and on behalf of the team thank you to all of you that have contributed in one way or another

#### **Industry needs:**



#### **Global Leadership Forum 2015**

Trends Subcommittee Report on Industry Needs

Ulrich (Rick) Hermann P. Eng. Manager of Construction Engineering PCL Industrial Management Inc. Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

June 1, 2015

#### Outline

- Industry Needs Trend Scope
- Survey Preparation
- · Survey Results / Analysis
- Conclusion

#### **Industry Needs Trend Scope**

- Identify broad spectrum of Industry needs as it relates to CEM Programs and Industry expectations of graduates
- Prepare a survey to obtain feedback from Industry and Academia
- Compare results to identify trends and differences between Industry needs and CEM programs

#### **Survey Preparation**

- Subcommittee developed initial list of desired outcomes and skill sets
- Obtained feedback from Industry and Academia before releasing survey
- On-line survey sent to Industry and Universities for input from Dec 2014 to Feb 2015

#### **Survey Preparation**

#### Major Categories:

- -Management
- Behavioral
- Technical disciplines
- Technical Management process
- -Other Practical Skills
- Course Category priorities

#### Survey Results

#### **CEM Course Priorities / Trend**

- Survey prepared to reflect previous results prepared by Arditi et al 2010
- Added Construction Engineering category
- Results tabulated to supplement previous results

#### **Survey Results** Project management 10 10 Scheduling and control Contract administration/legal issues Construction Engineering Cost estimating/cost control Construction technology Systems optimization/ statistics Equipment and methods Economic decision analysis CEM research 10 Computer applications 11 Real estate management

#### Survey Results Analysis

#### **CEM Course Priorities / Trends**

- Project Management climbed considerably over time; Industry #1
- Construction Engineering is high on the list (#4 of 13)
  - increased complexity of construction projects
  - · more technical savvy industry
  - Client push for engineering and safety verification

#### Survey Results Analysis

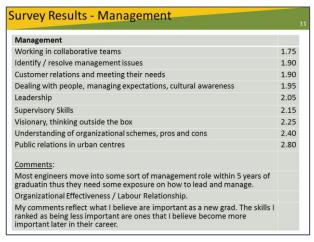
#### CEM Course Priorities / Trends (cont'd)

- Equipment and methods decreased in importance
- Research is lower on Industry needs, many unaware of excellent work Universities produce
- Balance of topics minor fluctuation

#### Survey Results

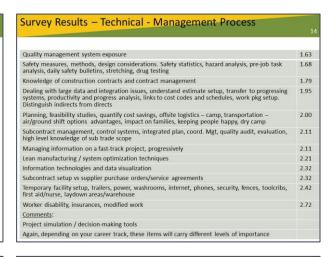
#### Industry needs of student skill set

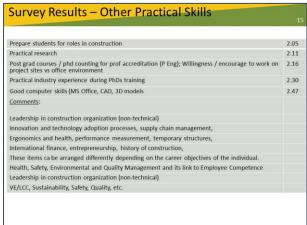
- Significant effort was performed to compile a list of Industry desired skill sets relating to management, behavior and technical
- · Large wish list, but provides good input
- intend to assist training institutions by providing Industry expectations of employees



#### Survey Results - Management Behavioural Conducts oneself in an ethical and professional manner 1.80 Good work ethic 1.80 People skills 2.05 Highly skilled learners, time mgmt, organized, reading, meta cognition 2.10 Self starter, takes initiative 2.15 Handle stress well 2.15 Presentation skill 2.15 Willing to get boots dirty 2.20 Comments Leading by example are good behavioral traits to have.

urvey Results – Technical Disciplines	
Field inspections for progressing quality, deficiencies	2.00
Exposure to heavy industrial projects, commercial, residential and infrastructure	2.16
Exposure of eng and CEM students to multiple disciplines for purpose in managing and interacting with their work scopes	2.21
Material grades, specs, quality issues, bolt torquing, counterfeit ID, tolerances, surveying, welding	2.42
Exposure to P&ID's, systems, test pkgs line designation tables, cable schedules, instrument lists	2.53
Major eqpt brief description of purpose, exchanger, boiler, reformer, MCC, junction boxes, etc.	2.68
Comments:	
The answers really depend on the career track of the individual. All of these can be vey important for a field engineer. PMs need to be aware but not necessarily the experts in these technical areas — they have others take care of that aspect for them.	
Risk assessment	



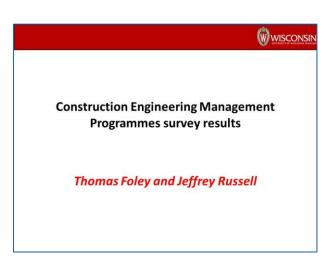


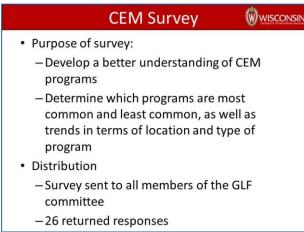
#### Industry needs were compiled through an outcomes list and corresponding priority and online survey held

Conclusion

- provides a good spectrum of desired outcomes industry desires from graduating engineering students
- Though sample size is small, some trends can be identified
- Project Management and Construction Engineering has climbed the ladder of importance

#### **Programs survey:**





#### **CEM Survey Results**



- · Results:
  - 46% (12 out of 26) of respondents were from the United
  - Because the response quantity was so low, we are unable to draw conclusions about countries other than the United States

Country	Number of responses
Australia	2
Canada	2
Chile	1
China	3
England	1
India	2
Singapore	1
South Africa	1
South Korea	1
USA	12

#### **CEM Survey Results**



- Overall results:
  - 13 out of 26 universities offer Civil Engineering as an Undergraduate degree option
  - 12 out of 26 universities offer Construction Management as an Undergraduate degree option
  - In the United States, the most prevalent degree option is construction engineering management (10 out of 12 U.S. universities have a program)

Undergraduate Degrees	# of Universities
Architectural Design (Engineering)	5
Atmosphere/Energy	1
Building Energy and Indoor Environments	1
Civil Engineering	13
Construction Engineering	7
Construction Management	12
Environmental Engineering	7
Geomatics Engineering	1
Geospatial Engineering	1
Geotechnical Engineering	3
HydraulicEngineering	2
Hydrologic Engineering	1
Interior Design	1
Land Development Design	1
Landscape Architecture	1
Materials Engineering	3
Project and Facilities Management	1
Quantity Surveying and Cost Engineering	1
Real Estate Management	1
Structural Engineering	3
Transportation Engineering	4
Urban and Regional Planning	1

#### Programme focus



	# of Universities
Architecture/Design	1
Building Science	1
Construction Engineering	3
Construction Engineering and Management	9
Construction Management	10
Project Management	3
Quantity Surveying / Cost Engineering	2

#### Number of faculty per programme



	Average	Range	Median
CEM	10	3 to 48	6
CM	12	4 to 25	9
Civil Engr	36	1 to 58	50
ALL ENTRIES	13	1 to 58	8.5

#### Graduate provision



- 6 out of 26 universities offer an M.S in Construction Management
- 3 out of 26 universities offer an M.S in Construction Engineering Management

	# of Colleges	
	M.S	Ph.D
Architectural Engineering	3	1
Building Performance and Sustainability	1	N/A
Civil and Architectural Engineering	1	N/A
Civil and Environmental Engineering	2	4
Civil Engineering	7	7
Coastal Engineering	1	N/A
Construction Economics and Quantity Surveying	1 (MBA)	N/A
Construction Engineering Management	3	4
Construction Management	6	3
Environmental Engineering	4	2
Geotechnical Engineering	1	N/A
Infrastructure Project Management	1	N/A
Integrated Sustainable Design	1	N/A
Planning Design and Construction	N/A	1
Project Management	4	N/A
Real Estate and Urban Infrastructure	1 (MBA)	N/A
Structural Engineering	3	N/A
Transportation Engineering	3	1

#### Construction means and methods



	# of Universities
Construction Education	8
Construction Methods	12
Construction Planning, Control and Risk Management	17
Construction Simulation, Visualization, and Product Modeling	15
Contracting and Legal Issues	14
Data Sensing and Analysis	6
Disaster Management and Response	8
Environmentally Sustainable Design and Construction	15
Infrastructure Management	13
International Construction Issues	12
Knowledge Management and Information Technology	15
Organizational and Labor Issues	11
Quality Management	11
Safety and Reliability	13
Site Management	11

#### Student Research in sectors



	# of Universities
Civil Engineering	1
Communication	1
Construction	1
General Building	14
Highway/Bridges	2
Industrial	5
Infrastructure	4
Mining	1
Oil and Gas	3
Real estate	1
Sustainability	1
Underground Construction	1
Urban Design	2

#### **CEM Survey**



- **Curtin University**
- Dalian University of Technology
- Florida International University Indian Institute of Technology Madras •
- Michigan State University
- National University of Singapore North Carolina State University
- North Dakota State University
- Purdue University Queensland University of Technology •
- RICS School of Built Environment,
- Amity University Stanford University
- Tianjin University

- Universidad Tecnica Federico Santa
- Maria
- University of Alberta University of Colorado
- University of Hong Kong
- University of Huddersfield University of Michigan
- University of New Brunswick
- University of Seoul University of Stellenbosch
- University of Texas at Arlington
- University of Texas at Austin University of Wisconsin
- Virginia Tech

Don't see your university on the list? Contact Jeff Russell at jrussell@dcs.wisc.edu or (608) 890-2318 to take the survey.

#### Research and research funding:





#### Contents



- Methodology used for the study
- · Research:
  - -Jan Wium
- Funding Trends for Research and Education
   – Kasun Hewage

#### Responses to survey 1



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#### Responses to survey 2



Country	Number of responses
Chile	1
China	1
Singapore	1
South Africa	1
USA	8

#### Research overview



- Research :
  - Disciplines of research
  - -Areas of research
  - Research methodologies
  - -Industry participation
  - Dissemination of research

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Oil and Gas	3
Highway/Bridges	2
Urban Design	2
Civil Engineering	1
Communication	1
Construction	1
Mining	1
Real estate	1
Sustainability	1
Underground Construction	1

Areas of research	
Area	# of Universitie
Construction: IT, Simulation, Automation	12
Green Building (energy efficiency, sustainability)	7
Building and Information Modeling	7
Infrastructure Management	6
Lean Construction	6
Risk Management	6
Housing	5
Project Management	5
Safety	5
Supply Chain Management	2
International Construction	2
	26 responses

	# Research projects
IT in Construction Management	19
Green Construction/life cycle thinking/construction waste	15
Scheduling, planning, control and risk management	9
Labour productivity and human factors	6
Systems optimization/statistics	5
Construction safety	5
Knowledge management and quality management	5
Procurement, contract administration/legal issues	4
Infrastructure management/construction in facilities	4
Others (innovation, project management, value analysis, construction technology, multi-stakeholders aspects)	9

#### Research methodologies



(26 responses)	# of Universities
Case studies	12
Industry surveys	10
Laboratory simulations	10
Field testing/studies	4
Computer simulations and modeling	3
Interviews	1

#### Industry participation

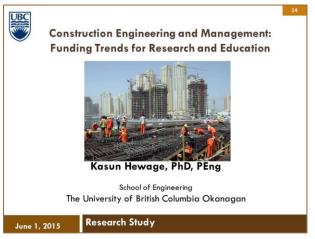


Participation in research	Results
Number of responses	8
Minimum %	20
Maximum %	60
Average %	53

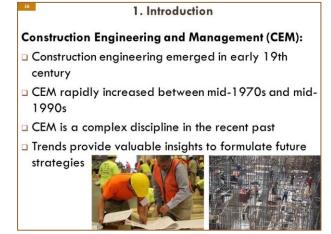
#### Dissemination of research



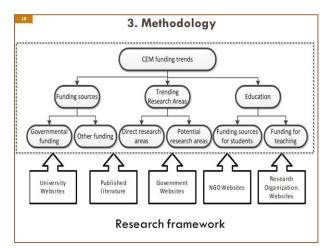
Pier reviewed journals	12
Industry seminars	12
Masters and PhD dissertations	12
Industry reports	9
Others methodologies reported:	Conference proceedings; workshops; books; Youtube; TV; magazines; newspapers; web portals; sponsor reports; industry task force/committees

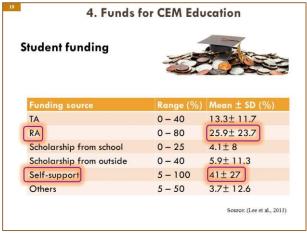






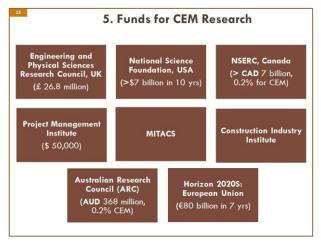


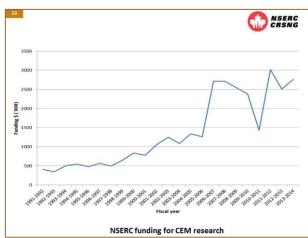












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# 7. Conclusions CEM receives ~ 0.2% - 0.5% of research funding in a country Extending from traditional CEM research areas to life cycle thinking, green construction, IT etc. Upcoming CEM research aims to integrate modern concepts with traditional CEM subject areas

#### **8 Event Photos**

#### **Guest Lectures**



Presenter Mark Hastak and host Hans-Joachim Bargstädt fighting an argument in front of the audience

Interested audience following one of the guest lectures in the lecture hall of Bauhaus-Universität Weimar





Jan Wium in discussion with participants after his guest lecture at Bauhaus-Universität Weimar

#### **Executive Committee Meeting**



Members of the Executive Committee holding their meeting prior to the general assembly together with absent members who participated via video conference system agenda

#### Welcome reception to the 2015 GLF-CEM annual forum

Immo Feine and Mark Hastak discussing organizational matters during the welcome reception





Welcome reception at the "Bauhaus-Atelier on Bauhaus Universität Weimar campus. Welcome speech by the university rector Karl Beucke

#### Some group photos



Group photo of participants in front of the venue, the impressing castle Ettersburg near Weimar



Participants having a close-up photo at the Ettersburg Castle

#### Some photos from GLF-CEM annual assembly meeting



Welcome speech by the host Hans-Joachim Bargstädt on Saturday morning at the castle Ettersburg

Networking of guests and new members Aleksander Nical, Cornelius Homann and Po-Han Chen during the break of the general





Lucio Soibelman presenting the outcome of the work of the graduate program standards committee

#### **GLF-CEM 2015 Dinner photos**



Daniel Halpin presiding dinner table together with colleagues and listening to dinner speech

Mark Hastak and Chuck Jahren in enlightened mood during the dinner



#### Weimar city excursion



Group photo of GLF-CEM participants in front of city hall and historic "Trabbi" cars



Guide sharing the history of the city on market place in

Participants enjoying the old "Trabbi" cars' parade





Group photo and Mark Hastak and his son Ajay on the sculpture "West-East Divan" in Weimar's historical Goethe-park