

## BRIDGE OWNERS FORUM

### SUMMARY OF ALL ACTIONS FROM MINUTES OF BOF19 – TUESDAY 26th September 2006, CAMBRIDGE

#### BOF Membership

The Chairman reported that he no longer received any responses from William Capps at Serco Docklands Limited. Providing there were no objections, the Chairman proposed to send William one final email to ask whether Serco Docklands were still interested in attending. There were no objections.

#### Item 2.2

Campbell Middleton suggested that he go ahead and submit to the Bridges Board a one-page proposal to request funding of £10k for scanning the abstracts of the 2000+ unpublished research reports currently in the HA library in order to prevent the loss of research details.

#### Item 2.4

The Chairmen requested comments from members on the Grand Challenges document. The intention is for it to be a living document that is updated and amended as new issues and problems come to light.

#### Item 2.5

Suggestion had been to put together a research proposal looking at the effects new environmental targets would have on bridge maintenance. Graham reported that nothing had happened since the last meeting. After a brief discussion the Chairman nominated Stephen Pottle to coordinate putting together a proposal for submission for the 08/09 round of funding.

#### Item 2.6

The Chairman asked Awtar Jandu if it was possible to get hold of the HA's guidance on assessing research proposals, so that the Forum could look at them and take a view as to whether or not to adopt something similar. Awtar replied that the guidance had recently changed.

#### Item 2.7

Brian Bell commented that in the newly published CIRIA Masonry Arch guide there is neutrally worded information on retrofitted arch strengthening systems. The guide has been produced as a result of a research proposal from the Forum. The Forum shouldn't both endorse the guide and at the same time be publishing something contrary to it. It is important not to send mixed messages. The Chairman suggested that a potential way forward would be to circulate the document for comments as planned, but decide at the next meeting whether or not it should go up on the website.

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Stephen Pottle	
Awtar Jandu	
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**Item 2.8**

The Chairman said that he would contact Andrew Oldland to clarify issues relating to confidentiality, the Freedom of Information Act, and how/if/whether these applied to the Forum.

**Item 3.4**

The Chairman commented that more BOF-members should get involved in ECTP as Network Rail is the only UK representative at the moment. He said that in addition to inviting Livia Pardi to the next meeting he also wanted to invite the DTI’s coordinator. However, when, he and Brian had attended the plenary session they had been unable to locate the DTI representative anywhere. The UK was conspicuous by its absence. Richard Fish agreed to raise the issue through CSS engineering.

Campbell agreed to invite somebody from the DTI to the next BOF meeting, if he could identify a suitable person. Andrew Oldland agreed to ask at the DfT to see if they had anybody who might be able to attend.

There was a brief discussion of whether anybody would actually be able to attend the meeting in Versailles on the 21-22<sup>nd</sup> November. Campbell agreed to send details to Stephen Pottle and Richard Fish and also to investigate whether he could go himself. Andrew agreed to ask Edward Bunting. Richard also agreed to pursue the issue through the RLG.

**Item 4.1**

Brian agreed to ensure that an electronic copy of ‘Masonry arch bridges: condition appraisal and remedial treatment’ becomes available free of charge from the CIRIA and RLG websites.

**Item 4.2**

Ronnie Wilson requested more photographs for the Dry Stone Wall document.

**Item 4.3**

Fiona Smith agreed to ask John Clark for a written update on the Older Metal Bridges project.

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Fiona Smith John Clark	

**Item 6(a)**

Campbell agreed to ask TRL and Mike Forde for further details on Research Proposal 5 MacAlloy Bars Tying Prestressed Beams before recommending it to the Bridges Board for funding. .

**Item 6(b)**

Brian Bell agreed to be the Chair for the Review of BS6779 Part 4 project. In addition it was agreed that Jim Moriarty, Martin Dills (or Rod Howe), Tudor Roberts and somebody representing the CSS Bridges Group would sit on the Project Steering Group. Stephen Pottle agreed to be the Chair for the Training of Bridge Inspectors project. In addition it was agreed that Brian Bell, Jim Moriarty, Awtar Jandu and a CSS Bridges Group representative would sit on the Project Steering Group. Brian Bell agreed to be the Chair for the FRP for the strengthening of Steel Bridges project. In addition it was agreed that Martin Dills, Jim Moriarty, Awtar Jandu and CSS Bridge Group representative would sit on the Project Steering Group. Richard Fish, Graham and Greg agreed to find CSS representatives for the steering groups.

**Item 7**

Tudor Roberts suggested that Andy Philips may have sent a list of current problems/wish list items to Campbell by email. Campbell will ask Steph Fitch to email members in a couple of weeks' time to chase up responses.

Campbell agreed to send all members a copy of the annual timetable.

**Item 8**

The chairman agreed to circulate two critiques on Bill Harvey's Criticism of the Current Assessment Rules to all members once they have been received. Once members receive the documents they are to review all 5 critiques.

**Item 10**

It was agreed that the International Forum be extended to 3 days to allow time for a half-day BOF.

**Item 11a**

Brian suggested that the Structural Integrity Monitoring Network (SIMoNET)<sup>1</sup> might be willing to organise a technical session in London, open to other practitioners as well as to the Forum. SIMoNET is run by Bill Dover, who is now an Emeritus Professor at UCL. The Chairman agreed to contact Prof. Dover to see if something could be arranged. Brian agreed to forward contact details (private email

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.simonet.org.uk/>

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address) to the Chairman.

**Item 11b**

As there appeared to be enough interest for a technical session (Structural Health Monitoring and Maintenance Strategies) to be held, the Chairman said he would sent out an e-mail inviting members to suggest consultants or experts in the field that they would like to hear from.

The Chairman requested the names of individuals working within the area of whole life asset management who could be approached if delegates decide that holding a presentation on this area would be of use.

**Item 12.2**

Brian Bell had prepared a presentation on the ECTP, and had given it to Paul Fidler to put on the BOF website.

**Item 13**

The Chairman asked if anybody else had any updates on current or newly started research. Jim Moriarty replied that he would give an update on developments at London Underground at the next meeting.

**Item 13.1**

The Chairman announced that he was planning to invite Andy Cook to the next meeting to update on the ESDAL project.

**Item 14**

The Chairman said that he had been asked by the Bridges Board to put together a review of the work done by the Forum in the last year, the goals and the achievements. He planned to include in the report the Grand Challenges document, the approach to trying to get a procedure for the selection of projects, the publication reports, the current projects, and projects to be recommended. With the agreement of members, he would produce a report, circulate it to members and present it to the Board at the next Board meeting.

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Jim Moriarty	
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