

Construction conference goes global

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This year, the Cooperative Research Centre for *Construction Innovation* takes its annual conference into the international arena with the theme *Clients Driving Innovation*.

From 25 to 28 October 2004, leading practitioners and researchers in the international built environment - including property and construction industry clients, designers, constructors and facility managers - will gather at Surfers Paradise in Queensland. The focus will be on opportunities and case studies of *Clients Driving Innovation* in constructed facilities and exchanging ideas, establishing collaborations, gaining knowledge, and taking advantage of the international

networking opportunities which the conference offers.

Major themes covered by the conference are procurement and risk sharing, visualisation and information, capturing and maintaining client requirements, international innovation, occupational health and safety, innovative asset management and stakeholders.

Using leading research examples of industry practice, the conference will explore issues such as the ability of clients to drive innovation through their purchasing power, through documentation standards, and through developing regulations and codes.

International and Australian keynote speakers to feature are Prof Peter Brandon (University of Salford, UK), Prof Martin Fischer (Stanford University, USA), Dr

Keith Fatcher (MD, EastPoint Ltd, Hong Kong), Bill Wild (MD, John Holland Group, Australia), Matt Furrer (MD, Australian/NZ, Bovis Lend Lease), Pekka Huovila (Group Mgr, Concurrent Engineering, VTT) and Prof Matthew Bacon (ARK e-management Ltd, UK).

Incidentally, if you are a *Gold Coast Indy* fan, you may want to be there for the big race on the Sunday. Due to the timing of that event, I suggest you register at your earliest convenience to secure accommodation and catch our early bird offer (closing 27 August).



I encourage you to take advantage of this special event in the 2004 property and construction calendar. Online registration, a provisional program, sponsorship packages, trade booth opportunities and further details are available at www.2004conference.crci.info