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# Update

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## John McCarthy: Hot property

In 2008, our long-term Chair and CIB\* board member John McCarthy and Dr Greg Foliente (CSIRO) were the main organisers of the World SB08 conference held in September in Melbourne. It was one of the biggest and most successful CIB-related conferences in recent history.... [\(more\)](#)



## 2009 Workshops

A one-day Sustainability Workshop delivered by Richard Reed and Sara Wilkinson from Deakin University, will be attended by the Federal Government's Department of Parliamentary Services staff on the 4 March in Canberra.... [\(more\)](#)

A two-day Relationship Management workshop delivered by Graham Scott from ORG Consulting, will be attended by Queensland Department of Public Works staff on 12-13 March in Brisbane.... [\(more\)](#)



## Soon Kam Lim receives research award

Queensland University of Technology has awarded Soon Kam Lim, a CRC for Construction Innovation PhD scholar, the 2008 Higher Degree Research Student Award (Faculty of Built Environment & Engineering) for research into sustainable construction....[\(more\)](#)

## From the CEO's Desk



February 4 marked a milestone event in *Construction Innovation's* rebid for a *Sustainable Built Environment CRC (SBEcrc)* with the meeting of the Strategic Leaders Committee for this proposed new centre. The committee, made up of influential senior representatives representing proposed participants of SBEcrc across industry, government and research, met primarily to confirm the proposed SBEcrc research activities and governance structures.

The three integrated program areas agreed to by the committee are *Greening the built environment*, *Developing innovation and safety culture* and *Driving productivity through procurement*, each of which also has a clear focus on implementation and delivery to industry.

The centre's activities will deliver against the following seven program outputs:

- Built environment sustainability assessment system
- National climate change

## KEY UPCOMING EVENTS

### Green Cities 09

Green Cities is Australia's premier conference for sustainability in the built environment. A joint initiative of the Green Building Council of Australia and the Property Council of Australia, Green Cities 09 is shaping up to be bigger and better than ever. Green building innovators and decision



makers will gather in Brisbane from 1- 4 March, 2009 to explore new ideas in sustainable building, and launch new products and technologies. *Construction Innovation* is pleased to support Green Cities as a sector partner... [\(more\)](#)

### [Financial Review National Infrastructure Conference](#)

**1 and 2 April, 2009 in Sydney at the Hilton Hotel.**

This two-day event looks at the international economic imperatives and national policies driving infrastructure investment. The Hon Anthony Albanese MP, Minister for Infrastructure will open the conference and address the delegates on this crucial issue.



Construction Innovation is proud to endorse **Financial Review** National Infrastructure Conference 2009. Don't forget to select that you are a member of CRC For *Construction Innovation* when you register to ensure you are charged the endorsing body special rate! [\(more\)](#)

- adaptation strategy for the built environment
- Built environment SME innovation exchange
- National green skills program
- National preventative health strategy for building and infrastructure
- The Australian urban infrastructure model
- Integrated project delivery system.

Projects will focus on such critical issues as reducing carbon pollution, adapting new and existing buildings and infrastructure for climate change, improving sustainable best practice within the industry, identifying and reducing health and safety risks for workers on construction projects, and reducing costs associated with information management and procurement on infrastructure and building projects.

In addition to the strong industry, government and research support, we now have commitments from Australia's key industry associations for infrastructure and building in the Green Building Council of Australia (GBCA), Australian Green Infrastructure Council (AGIC), Australian Construction Industry Forum (ACIF) and Australian Sustainable Built Environment Council (ASBEC).

#### **[More details](#)**

### **Conferences**

- [Construct 2009](#): 26-27 February 2009, Sydney
- [Green Cities Conference and Expo](#): 1-4 March 2009, Brisbane
- [ACEA National Conference](#): 19-20 March 2009, Sydney
- [AFR National Infrastructure Conference](#): 1-2 April 2009, Sydney
- [Parallax](#): 30 April – 2 May, Melbourne
- [FMA Ideaction](#): 6-8 May, Melbourne

### **Other events**

- [Judy Kraatz PhD final seminar \(Value-mapping for major economic infrastructure projects\)](#): 25 February 2009, QUT Gardens Point

### **[More upcoming events](#)**

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