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CIB W099 – Safety and Health in Construction New Joint Commission Coordinator

In May 2018 the CIB Programme Committee appointed Prof. Billy Hare, from the Glasgow Caledonian University - School of Engineering & Built Environment, as Joint Coordinator of the CIB Commission W099 – Safety and Health in Construction.

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Short CV

Billy is a Professor of Construction Management within the School of Engineering & Built Environment at GCU. He is Research Theme Lead for Built Environments, Deputy Director of the School's Research Centre for 'Built Environment & Asset Management' (BEAM) and chair of the School Ethics Committee.

Billy has a PhD in Construction Management (H&S Thesis); BSc (Hons) in Construction Management & Engineering and a BA in Occupational Health and Safety.

He joined GCU in 2002, after a career in construction contracting. Since then, he has delivered research on several HSE, IOSH, EPSRC, CITB and industry funded projects totalling £900k, 50+ peer-reviewed publications and a REF Impact Case Study for REF2014. His research portfolio is exclusively focused on improving occupational health and safety within the construction industry, including studies that have improved worker engagement, migrant worker H&S, and safety in design.

These contribute directly to UN Sustainable Development Goals for 'Good Health and Wellbeing', and 'Decent Work'. Billy's industry engagement is a key factor in his research success, with several studies leading to industry guidance for HSE and CITB.

He has developed several CPD courses on the subject of construction health and safety, and is currently Chair of the CIOB National H&S Group, Joint International Coordinator of the 'International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction' Health and Safety Working Group, and chair of several other industry working groups.

Personal Statement

Construction is a hazardous industry. In economically advanced countries, construction workers are 3 to 4 times more likely to have a fatal work accident than other workers. In less developed countries, the risks are 3 to 6 times greater. Many more suffer from ill-health and die from occupational diseases. Work-related accidents and ill-health cost businesses and societies dearly, let alone the suffering and loss for workers and their families.

Instances of accidents and ill-health are generally reducing in advanced countries through use of technology, pre-fabrication and automation. However, in developing countries, increased industrialisation means more construction accidents and ill-health. Developing nations need to learn the lessons from advanced ones or risk repeating the same mistakes.

I am thrilled to become the co-coordinator of CIB W099, and I am looking forward to working with Prof. Michael Behm and the members of the commission in the advancement and dissemination of construction safety and health knowledge.

Information

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