International User Group Meeting

Resolutions

openBIM - is the use of *building information modelling* using open standards such as IFC, IFD, IDM, cityGML?... (ref C Eastman BIM...)

Types of users

- owners/operators
- disciplines/domain groups, direct end users
- · industry organisations

Issues

- Local groups may be domain focussed a risk is that it continues the old silos...;
 IUG looks at issues holistically, interoperability, process definition between all these domains...
- What do we mean by interoperability and what does this mean/impact on our business
- · Current IUG needs to be more representative
- Role of IUG can be proactive rather than reactive
- UIG is a means of integrating communication to & from many regional/chapter usergroups
- More focus on process & that IUG be able to set the agenda for bSI
- How should certification process be improved for IFC functionality to reflect needs and business processes
- Guarantee the quality of data delivery across the engineering disciplines complete and accurate exchange
- · Expand the coverage and awareness of IFD
- Further development of processes and IDM
- Software implementations and version upgrades need to be improved because "certification" does not seem to carry forward as well as needed
- Issues of compatibility across versions of the IFC files
- Future virtual building with seamless interface... complete testing ... before construction
- Domain specific user group for Hospitals
- Complete transfer of design/build info to facility management and maintenance programs
- The direction of bSI should be agreed to be across the user community as opposed to solutions for individual users
- Steps to ensure that user group has global input
- User group is a forum for sharing of ideas, issues, experiences amongst the various practitioners without a language barrier
- UIG could develop methods to assess/certify? user competencies in BIM

Document the "wins" realisable from BIM based projects (a Wins database?)

Include other organisations to participate in the UIG, including "hands on" users

* Document model validation methods - processes that can be applied (eg the Vestbanen tool)

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Legal rights of models, ownership, IP...

UIG would support the need for more flexibility in the translation of models

Each chapter should understand and develop their own usergroups

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- that this meeting advises IC to extend user group membership to achieve a global view to enable it to act as an advisor to IC
- ask IC to address the certification processes used today, BIM for a specific purpose as a validation layer
- recommend: IC to ensure that the process of establishing IDMs is a priority (present at Nice ITM)
- recommends: expand IFD & IFC to cover more widely the built environment
- that IC ask each chapter to nominate a voting UG representative. Chapter representatives should be from the "real" user community (stakeholders etc rather than elected officials from Chapter)
- recommend development of User Guides (ENG initially)
- raise awareness of IUG/User Groups

Questions from Louis Hecht, OGC:

- 1. what is the economic impact of the new certification proposal
- 2. information that will help this group understand the underlying information architecural paradigm being used for IFC

IC Action

Edit Charter document for submission at Korea; confirm with each chapter, review by 30 Jan 2010, analyse comments and present to Korea IC.

Chuck Eastman: Delegates should be as inclusive as possible, motivated, representing many area such as Fabricators, regulators etc;

Hector Camps: Users should be from both horizontal and vertical organisational types.

Presentations to be made available.

UG organisational models; city/regional based, domain based, chairs form a national UG, who decide an IUG representative