

## **AUSTRALASIAN JOURNAL OF CONSTRUCTION ECONOMICS AND BUILDING (AJCEB): CONFERENCE SERIES AUBEA 2012**

### **Editorial**

The Australasian Universities Building Educators Association (AUBEA) is a membership-based, non-profit organisation established in 1975. The annual AUBEA International Conference is hosted by member universities within the Australasian region and brings together academics and industry professionals for knowledge building and exchange specific to building, with a special focus on education.

Significantly, this year marks the 37<sup>th</sup> annual gathering of AUBEA scholars and practitioners representing architecture, engineering and construction disciplines. The host of AUBEA 2012 is The University of New South Wales, and the organising committee comprises staff members from Construction Management and Property in the Faculty of Built Environment. This year the conference has three key themes: Professional Education, Sustainable Procurement and Construction Technology.

Almost 120 abstracts were submitted to AUBEA 2012 for consideration. Abstracts were accepted after double blind review. Full papers were then submitted to a further round of rigorous double blind review and comment by the International Scientific Review Committee. A final total of 68 full papers were accepted for publication in the conference proceedings. Together they represent the best of contemporary research in building and construction.

A significant achievement of AUBEA 2012 has been the inaugural publication of the Australasian Journal of Construction Economics and Building (AJCEB) Conference Series. The purpose of the AJCEB Conference Series is to complement the regular AJCEB publication with a collection of the best papers from relevant international conferences. The top ten AUBEA 2012 papers, as voted by the International Scientific Review Committee, have been collected and published in this first issue of the AJCEB Conference Series.

We are very pleased to thank everyone who has supported and contributed to the AUBEA 2012 International Conference, especially to the authors, our sponsors and the International Scientific Review Committee. Our sponsors include: Australian Institute of Building, Australian Institute of Building Surveyors, Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors, Brookfield Multiplex, Chartered Institute of Building and Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. Special thanks also go to our invited Keynote Speakers: Mr John Gough (Regional Director, Brookfield Multiplex), Professor Will Hughes (University of Reading, UK), Mr Toby Maple (Design Technologies Leader, HASSELL), Professor Janice Orrell (Flinders University, Australia), Dr Stephen White (Research Team Leader, CSIRO) and Mr Ric Wang (State Manager, WATPAC).

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