Air Infiltration and Ventilation Centre (AIVC)

Annex 5

Annex 5, The Air Infiltration and Ventilation Centre, is a long established (since 1979) and highly regarded joint project within ECBCS. Since it's inception, the AIVC has maintained a technical information service to policy makers, practitioners and researchers. It operates both technical and information dissemination programmes within its remit. The primary objective of Annex 5 AIVC is to provide a high quality international technical and information forum covering the areas of ventilation and infiltration in the built environment with respect to efficient energy use, good indoor air quality and thermal comfort. The main drivers for this work are the national and international concerns in the areas of sustainable development and responses to climate change impact. The overall grouping of activities is divided into the following key functions:

- to act as a technical forum for all relevant international and national ventilation and related activities;
- to undertake technical evaluations and analyses so as to synthesise leading edge research information into industry focused products;
- to provide synthesised information to the research community, policymakers, and industry with emphasis on the end users and practitioners.

A further objective is to provide advice on cost effective measures available to achieve energy efficient buildings with good indoor climate conditions.

Technical Programme

A major new report has been published by AIVC in the past year. This is a Technical Note "Parameters for the design of demand controlled hybrid ventilation systems for residential buildings".

Information Dissemination

Alongside the Annex 5 technical programme, the information dissemination activities are equally valued. During the past year, the Air Information Review (AIR) has continued to be distributed to over 3000 persons and organisations every month. On the AIVC website, all the publications produced by the AIVC since its foundation in 1979 can be found as well as information from many ventilation related activities.

Airbase: Airbase, the AIVC's bibliographic database now contains over 17000 records. It is updated every 3 months (about 150 new references every 3 months). Some 1800 documents in pdf-format are attached to AIRBASE.

AIVC Conference Attendees Brussels - September 2005

 250 participants from 27 different countries attended the conference, which spanned three days and consisted of more than 100 paper and poster presentations.

AIVC Web Site (www.aivc.org): The AIVC website averaged about 8600 visitors per month in 2005. For most of the time, the AIVC is the first reference in 'Google' when searching for 'ventilation', although there are some 3.5 million references.

Participation: In the past 12 month, TNO Building and Construction, has become a member organisation of the Operating Agent, INIVE eeig.

Current Project Period: 2004 – 2007, (Annex established in 1979)

Operating Agent: Peter Wouters, INIVE eeig, Belgium

Participating Countries: Belgium, Czech Republic, France, Greece, the Netherlands, Norway, and the United States of America

Organisations participating in the Operating Agent, INIVE eeig:

- BBRI: Belgian Building Research Institute, Belgium
- CETIAT: Centre Technique des Industries Aérauliques et Thermiques, France
- CSTB: Centre Scientifique et Technique du Bâtiment, France
- Fraunhofer Institute for Building Physics, Germany
- NBI: Norwegian Building Research Institute, Norway
- NKUA: National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece
- EMPA: Swiss Federal Laboratories for Materials Testing and Research, Switzerland
- ENTPE: École Nationale des Travaux Publics de l'État, France
- TNO Built Environment and Geosciences, Building and Construction - Netherlands

Organisations participating in Annex 5:

- BBRI: Belgian Building Research Institute, Belgium
- Technical University of Brno, Czech Republic
- Ministry of Industry and Trade, Czech Republic
- ADEME: Agence de l'Environment et de la Maitrise de l'Energie, France
- NKUA: National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece
- TNO Building and Construction Research, Netherlands
- NBI: Norwegian Building Research Institute,
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- · Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, USA