

# Guidelines for conferences on “Durability of Building Materials and Components”

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- 1 Each conference should be held on the third year following the preceding conference.
- 2 The scope for the conference should be similar to that developed for the First Conference.
  - 2.1 To bring together those concerned about durability of all building materials and components and thus provide a forum for discussion of research from all classes of materials – this should afford an overall view of the common problems.
  - 2.2 To identify the key elements of this broad subject
    - 2.2.1 Economics – To:
      - examine the cost of repair and maintenance
      - consider the energy loss involved in repair and maintenance
    - 2.2.2 Environment – To:
      - define the characteristics of the climate in relation to durability
      - examine the effects of pollution
      - consider the influence of design
    - 2.2.3 Evaluation of testing of materials– To:
      - consider the methodology that is used
      - examine criteria of performance
    - 2.2.4 Mechanisms of deterioration
      - To consider the state-of-the-art regarding failure mechanisms and problems with different classes of materials
- 3 The continuity and quality of these conferences to be the responsibility of a Steering Committee which will consist of the following:
  - Chairman** – Chairman or Co-chairman of preceding Conference
  - Representative of ASTM
  - Representative of CIB
  - Representative of NIST
  - Representative of NRCC
  - Representative of RILEM
  - Members at large appointed by the Chairman