

7th Postgraduate Conference

The Department of Construction Economics of the University of Pretoria hosted a very successful 7th edition of the cidb Postgraduate conference from the 9th to 11th October. The conference theme was “Adding value to the Built Environment”. It was very well attended with participants from most of the universities which offer construction management training. The Managing Director of Stefanutti Stocks Civils, Mr Werner Jerling delivered a very challenging keynote address on “Creating Value in the South African Construction Industry”.

The quality of papers presented at the conference is testimony to the growing stature of the cidb Postgraduate Conference and the robust research undertaken by South African universities. The presentations ranged from papers on construction health and safety, skills development, contractor development, innovations in teaching and procurement, to property studies.

The following papers were awarded prizes in the following categories:

1. The best overall paper and a prize of R3000.00:
A strategy for change – Contractor development by Mrs Vanessa Ranjit, Mr Erastus Mwanaumo and Prof Raymond Nkado
2. The best student paper and a prize of R1500.00:
Guidelines for private property development in Mozambique by Mr MRC Inglesby and Prof C Cloete

The second day of the conference was dedicated to a workshop that provides a platform for review and broader academic critique to doctoral candidates in the built environment.

