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Changes in Network participants

- British Columbia Institute of Technology (BCIT) has withdrawn from NEWBuildS and is no longer an official Network member
- New researchers formally added to the Network:
 - Dr. Robert Beauregard, Université Laval
 - Dr. John Straube, University of Waterloo
- Network researchers who have changed affiliations since submission of application
 - Dr. Ghasan Doudak, University of Ottawa (formerly Canadian Wood Council)
 - Dr. Hua Ge, Ryerson University (formerly BCIT)
- New university Network members are:
 - University of Ottawa
 - University of Waterloo
 - Ryerson University
- Dr. Steve Craft has replaced Dr. Jim Mehaffey as the FPInnovations Co-leader of Theme 3
- A new category of network membership, known as Associate Member, has been created to allow NEWBuildS to recognize contributions to the Network by institutions that are not formally bound by the Network Agreement.
- The status of The Institute of Research in Construction (IRC), National Research Council has been changed from Network Member to Associate Member. IRC's participation in NEWBuildS remains largely unchanged.
- Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) – International has provided a one-time \$20,000 contribution to NEWBuildS and it will be recognized as an Associate Member.

Overview of approved projects

- In year 2010, NEWBuildS Scientific Steering Committee approved 25 research projects to commence in year 1. These projects will be conducted by 17 MSc and 8 PhD students and 4 PDF. To-date 13 MSc and 7 PhD students, and all 4 PDF have been hired. The remaining 5 graduate students are expected to commence their studies in January 2011.

Interaction with external stakeholder

- NEWBuildS web site has been operational since November 2010 <http://newbuildscanada.ca/>

Future Network and related events

- The 1st NEWBuildS Workshop will be held on January 17th, 2011, in Richmond, BC. We are expecting approximately 70 participants. Students and interested network participants will participate in a training workshop on fire and durability design of wood buildings on January 18th, 2011. (kenneth.koo@fpinnovations.ca)
- NEWBuildS Board of Directors will meet on January 18th, 2011 in Richmond, BC
- Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) Symposium, will be held on Feb 8-9th, 2011, in Vancouver, BC. (www.wood-works.org/BC/Timber)