

Call for Papers

37th Conference and Annual General Meeting

Glasgow Caledonian University, Glasgow

In partnership with Technological University Dublin

6th - 8th September 2021

General Theme

RECOVER, REBUILD and RENEW

Shifting mindsets and practices to change the future

Important Dates

Submission of abstracts:	23:59hrs GMT, Friday 8 th January 2021
Notification of acceptance of abstracts:	Monday 15 th February 2021
Submission of full papers:	23:59hrs GMT, Friday 9 th April 2021
Editorial decision on full papers:	Friday 14 th May 2021
Submission of final papers:	23:59hrs GMT Friday 18 th June 2021

“RECOVER, REBUILD and RENEW: Shifting mindsets and practices to change the future”

While the ARCOM conference committee had planned to return to Glasgow in 2020, the fall-out from the COVID19 pandemic impacted heavily on our community resulting in the need to hold a virtual conference. It is with great delight that we confirm that in 2021 our traditional face to face ARCOM conference will now take place in Glasgow, Scotland. This has been made possible due to the hospitality of Glasgow Caledonian University and in the continued partnership with the Technological University Dublin.

It is right and fitting that we should focus on the chosen theme for the conference in 2021 and in doing so create the opportunity for a community focused gathering! Our research communities are coming together to share the lessons learnt from/during the ‘new normal’ having spent a significant time focused on the day to day challenges of the post COVID19 pandemic impacts. As a result of a ‘world lockdown’ the challenges coping with many new demands on/approaches to our existence, there is a greater need for collaboration to build communities of practice once again. We have an opportunity to create an environment where this agenda can be researched, discussed and shared.

We invite paper submissions that address the central theme, “RECOVER, REBUILD and RENEW”. The ARCOM community has traditionally been underpinned by a spirit of adaptability, relevance and community. Throughout its thirty-seven year history, that is what makes it such a relevant and strong network today. The bringing together of like-minded individuals conferring to make the world in which we live a better place has been an underpinning goal of the organisation since its inception.

We are calling for abstracts that address the topics listed below, that continue to bind the ARCOM community together as well as those that address the central theme “RECOVER, REBUILD and RENEW”.

The ARCOM Conference is an inclusive conference that covers a wide range of topics pertinent to construction work, including but not limited to:

Building information modelling	Sustainability in the built environment
Equality and diversity	Construction design & technology
Human resources management	Disaster management and resilience
Information management	Health, safety and well-being
Infrastructure development	Law and contracts
Offsite construction	Other related themes considered
Planning, productivity and quality	
Research and education	

Submission of Abstracts and Keywords

Please submit your abstract of up to 300 words and include up to 5 keywords on-line via the MyARCOM portal where you can also select your preferred thematic track (see overleaf). Abstracts will be sent to two referees. Only the authors of abstracts that pass this peer-review process will be invited to submit full papers. The deadline for the submission of abstracts is **23:59hrs GMT on Friday 8 January 2021**. Full papers must not exceed 10 sides of A4 and should adhere to the ARCOM paper template, which is available for download at www.arcom.ac.uk. Each paper will be reviewed by two members of the scientific committee. If the paper is accepted its authors will be invited to present the paper at the conference. At least one of the authors must be able attend the conference. Authors of accepted papers will have a choice to publish their paper as a working paper or an indexed paper.

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Preparing for the future of the built environment has become an integral part of all communities and the evidence shows that the agendas of recovery, rebuilding and renewal are in need of research, discourse and impact. The imperative for action in the AECO sector is particularly strong, particularly as modern approaches may profoundly alter the way project are conceptualised, designed and realised. How well is the AECO sector ready to respond in the post-COVID19 environment?

- How will societal transformation ensure that your people are equipped to meet future knowledge, skills and competencies demands?
- How will the AECO sector evolve to address the climate change and sustainability agenda in a post-COVID19 environment?
- Are there re-skilling programmes evolving to make effective use of new technologies and approaches to learning?
- What are AECO sector organisations offering existing and potential employees to ensure that it can attract and retain the talent it needs?
- How will the post-COVID19 world impact on productivity, quality and performance?
- What theoretical research can we build on to ensure that the recovery, rebuilding and renewal is positive and offers a way forward?

These are some of the questions that may be addressed by the ARCOM community that can add to the quality debate, discussion and shared.

There is a need to deepen our understanding of the post COVID19 pandemic effects and to understand whether it is not only problematic, but also a productive force for societal renewal and change. To what extent should we be striving for the full inclusion of the output from our research on recovery post-COVID19, on how the built environment could too should rebuild and what principles should underpin any renewal? What would this balance appear like, and what implications will its integration have on policy, practice and research in construction and beyond?

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Venue Information

Glasgow is a city that has survived only by creating and recreating economic, social and cultural bridges between individuals and communities. Our chosen venues for ARCOM 2021 reflect this city's famous ability to find a common good. We are based in Glasgow Caledonian University's stunning conference centre, we visit Glasgow's City Chambers for our traditional Monday evening social evening and the recently restored Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum for our Annual Conference Dinner.

Conference Fee

Accommodation is not included within the conference fee. Information on preferential rates provided by local hotels will be advertised on the conference website. An early-bird discount will apply for all registrations received before 30 June 2021. The usual discounts for ARCOM members will also apply.



Left to Right: Glasgow's City Chambers, the main conference venue at Glasgow Caledonian University and the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum

Best Paper Prizes

Rod Howes Commemorative Award for the Best Paper on 'Innovation in Construction'

Paul Townsend Commemorative Award for the Best Paper on 'Project Management'

David Langford Commemorative Award for the Best Paper on 'Social Issues and Respect for People'

CIOB Award for the 'Best International Paper'

CIOB Award for the Best Paper on 'Innovation and Sustainability'

Taylor and Francis Award for the Most Theoretically-informed Contribution

Emerald Research Methodology Award

Conference Updates

There will be regular conference updates so please visit the ARCOM website for conference 2021 updates at www.arcom.ac.uk

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