

BSc in Construction Management + Engineering Awarded Accreditation by the CIOB 05 April 2011



Pictured (L-R): Dr Colm Cryan, Course Director CM+E; Dr Hugh O'Donnell, CEO Kentz Engineers and Contractors; Mr Paul Campbell, Branch Secretary CIOB in Ireland; Ms Claire Robinson, Lecturer in Construction Management; Mr Conor Mooney, Lecturer in Construction Management/CIOB Co-ordinator

The Department of Civil Engineering & Materials Science and the Construction Management + Engineering programme are now formally accredited by the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) following a lengthy consultation and accreditation process.

The occasion was celebrated on International Construction Management Day on 14th March 2011 with a special event marking the occasion, where Mr Paul Campbell of the CIOB in Ireland formally conferred accredited status on the department and programme.

Mr Campbell highlighted that "it was indeed a momentous day, as this is the first programme to be accredited by CIOB in a university in the Republic of Ireland" and explained that "CIOB accreditation is a seal of approval for the teaching institute signifying that it reaches the highest standards of governance, quality assurance and resource management".

In attendance at the event were members of the University community and wider industry, who were addressed by Dr Hugh O'Donnell, CEO of Kentz Engineers and Constructors, speaking around the theme of "Entrepreneurship in Construction".

The mission of Construction Management + Engineering at the University of Limerick is to develop the future leaders of the construction industry within a rigorous, collaborative and invigorating environment. Current and future students will benefit from CIOB accreditation through access to scholarships, awards and international student challenges, which it is hoped will foster a creative competitive culture throughout the programme thus raising the profile of the programme and its graduates within industry. The University of Limerick is the first, and currently only, Irish University accredited by the CIOB.

According to Course Director, Dr Colm Cryan, "This accreditation is of immense value to our students and graduates of Construction Management + Engineering; and particularly so to those working abroad, where their academic qualification is now formally recognised as being of the highest international standard." He added that, "The CIOB is particularly complementary of the Value Based Thinking approach underpinning the programme, especially in the context of the growing importance of construction leadership and management in an increasingly complex industry."

The CIOB is the international voice of the construction industry, has over 47,000 members worldwide and represents skilled construction managers and professionals involved in the total building process. It has granted Accredited Centre Status upon the Department of Civil Engineering and Materials Science, and has accredited the BSc in Construction Management + Engineering honours degree programme. Chartered Member status of the CIOB, represented by the designations MCIOB and FCIOB, is recognised internationally within in the construction industry.

The second Monday in March each year has been designated International Construction Management Day by leading global construction and project management organisations for the purpose of providing the construction management community the opportunity to promote and celebrate the discipline of construction management.