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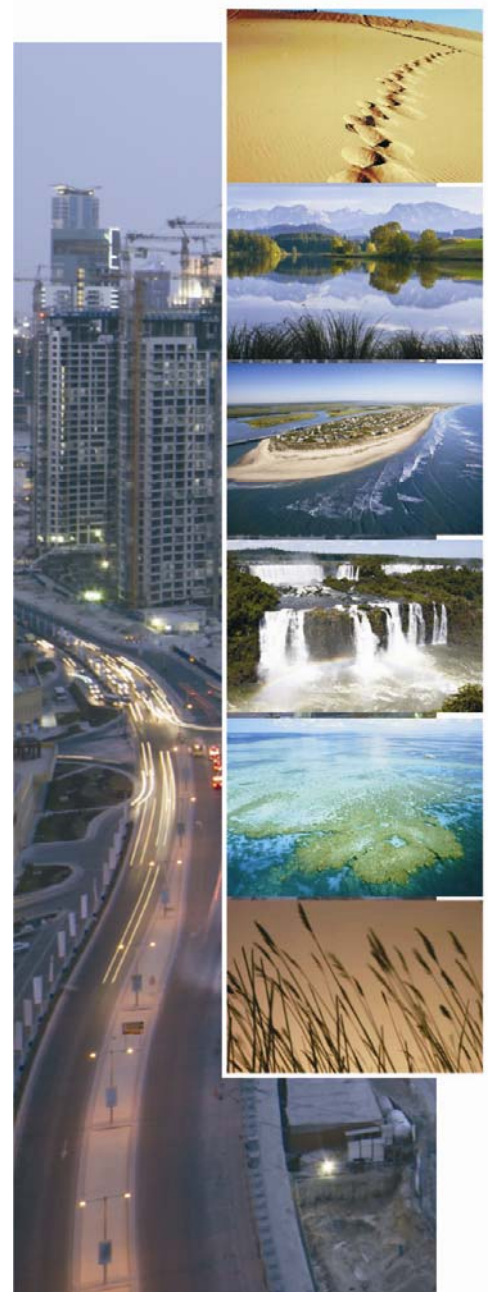
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Vietnam, Chile, Costa Rica, Colombia,  
Paraguay, Egypt, Iran, Israel, Kenya,  
Mauritius, Qatar

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Uruguay, Jordan, Bulgaria

#### **Appendix:**

Three Year Membership Targets for New  
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**\*\*\*WorldGBC terms and definitions:**

**Established GBC** – a Green Building Council with WorldGBC full member status. (not included in this report)

**Emerging GBC** – a Green Building Councils with WorldGBC Emerging Member status, working towards achieving full member status.

**Prospective GBC** – a group who has been officially recognized by WorldGBC as the entity establishing a GBC in their country and working towards gaining WorldGBC Emerging Member status (have submitted an Expression of Interest which has been approved by WorldGBC).

**Associated Group** – a group who has been recognized by WorldGBC as an entity establishing a GBC in their country and working towards gaining WorldGBC Prospective Member status (have been in communication with WorldGBC and are working on putting together an Expression of Interest).

## Chapter 1- European Region

### **Regional Summary**

*The European Region poses challenges to WorldGBC due to its unique, fragmented country borders. Currently a European Network to support emerging and pre-emerging councils has been taking shape. Supported by WorldGBC, this initiative is led by Erin English from Colliers International with several countries from the region participating in this network. Support initiatives include conference calls being held every six weeks as well as other modes of sharing knowledge and experiences.*

*In June of 2009 a European GBC (EUGBC) Networking Workshop was held together with the Consense Conference in Stuttgart, Germany. This workshop was attended by GBC representatives from countries across Europe and around the world, as well as groups from countries which are in the early stages of developing a Council. The main focus of this workshop was the preparation for the UNFCCC Conference in Copenhagen where the terms of the next Climate Change Protocol will be discussed. GBCs around the world are coming together to present the importance of including buildings on the agenda of these discussions. It was also an opportunity for making connections and sharing experiences, challenges and successes.*

*As part of the EUGBC Network initiative a regional council development officer will also be appointed for the European Region. This officer will provide guidance and GBC expertise to the European Network of Emerging and Prospective Councils that has grown to this point.*

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## **Albania (Associated Group)**

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### **Background**

An initiative in Albania is being led by Mr. Guni Shah with support from individuals from Colliers International. The first meeting of potential founders took place in October, 2008. It is a small but very interested group of individuals. The awareness in Albania is still low and the green building movement is in its beginning stages. Being one of the smallest countries working to establish a Green Building Council, the Albanian group will face some challenges. However, the interest and drive is there and the strength and value of the GBC Network have been acknowledged in this region. Preliminary documents from WorldGBC have been distributed and are being processed by the interested group in Albania.

### **Update since last issue**

*No update available for this issue.*

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## **Austria (Associated Group)**

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### **Background**

In February 2009, WorldGBC was contacted by Mr. Gunther Maier expressing an interest in establishing a GBC in Austria. Mr. Gunther Maier and his colleague Philipp Kaufmann, at the Vienna University of Economics and Business, have teamed up with several members from the industry to head this initiative.

With the support of GermanySBC (DGNB) this group has developed a business plan and a budget for the first year. They are now translating these documents into English to be submitted to WorldGBC. They have also applied for legal registration and are awaiting their approval.

They are expecting to submit an expression of interest to WorldGBC within the summer months.

## **Update since last issue**

This group recently received their legal registration and is under contract with GermanySBC to work together in order to adapt the German Sustainable Building System to the Austrian standards.

The founding meeting is scheduled to take place in September 2009 and the project to evaluate Austrian buildings is underway.

An Expression of Interest has not yet been submitted to WorldGBC.

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## **Bulgaria (Associated Group)**

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**Contact Person (Group 2): Georgi Kolarov**

Two groups have initiated the establishment of a BulgariaGBC.

The first group is represented by Ward Miller, who contacted WorldGBC in early June to initiate conversation around the process of establishing a Council. At this point, Ward and a few other individuals have been familiarizing themselves with the WorldGBC Roadmap and exploring the activities of some of the other GBCs. This group of initiators has been working on developing a mission, vision, values, objectives and a slogan that will help to establish a strong Core Founding Group.

The second group is represented by Mr. Georgi Kolarov and consists of very influential individuals who are working closely with GermanySBC in securing financing and credibility for the organization.

Currently both groups are working under the same vision and goals. WorldGBC is working together with another individual in Bulgaria to establish communications between the two groups and examine collaboration opportunities.

## **Croatia (Associated Group)**

**Contact Person:** Erin English [erin.english@colliers.com](mailto:erin.english@colliers.com)

### **Background**

In Croatia, two informal presentations held in October and November of 2008, were made to interested companies, organization and institutions. The attendees of this meeting were invited to become members of the "Initiators Group". The 14 companies, organizations and institutions present were invited to submit an Application of Intent to Participate, before January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009, in order to join the Initiators Group. Each applicant was required to designate one Primary Representative, to discuss their expectations as an initiator of the Council, and to outline resources and skill-sets that they are bringing to the group. Eleven parties submitted an Application of Intent to Participate.

This group has also successfully created their website ([www.gbccroatia.org](http://www.gbccroatia.org)) which is currently working as the pilot web source for communications between the Europe Regional GBC Network for emerging and pre-emerging Councils (the web content will be moved to the WorldGBC site as phase two of the site takes shape).

### **Update since last issue**

Currently this group is registering the organization as a non-profit with the City of Zagreb. They have already had their first official Board of Directors meeting and are working on defining and approaching important co-founding members. They plan to launch in early 2010 and are setting up the ground work and building a foundation in order to achieve this successfully.

In Croatia the main concern in financial and strategic partnerships are being established with UNDP and the Environmental Protection & Energy Efficiency Fund.

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## **Czech Republic (Associated Group)**

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### **Background**

Although conversations around creating a Czech Sustainable Building Council had begun, the turn in the economy has led to a slow down on the initiative. The representatives from Colliers have had to redirect their resources to focus on revenue-generating projects for Colliers in Europe and were unable to devote the necessary time on Council start up. Discussions on this initiative will continue through the Colliers management office and the hope is to move forward at a later date.

### **Update since last issue**

Supporting interest to establish a Green Building Council in the Czech Republic has surfaced. Ira Saul Rubenstein, Partner at Traficon s.r.o., has been in contact with Steven Borncamp from RomaniaGBC and is looking to drive this initiative forward. Currently he is in the process of bringing the appropriate individuals to the table and is reviewing the structure and substance of other European GBCs.

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## **France (ProspectiveGBC)**

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### **Background**

In November, during the GreenBuild Conference in Boston, WorldGBC was approached by two individuals representing a group of architects and engineers that were interested in a FranceGBC initiative. This group was represented by Marika Frenette, and urban architect from Wigwam Conseil.

Following the return from GreenBuild, yet another individual, Cedric Borel, Managing Director of IFPEB (French Institute for Energy Efficiency in Buildings), expressed his interest in a FranceGBC. This group is well along the process of creating a green building organization in France with a business-led initiative, legal registration as a non-profit, core members and co-founders. They represent a broad spectrum from bank, construction firms, investors, retail, developers and energy providers.

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 the Expression of Interest from IFPEB was approved by WorldGBC. This group is working on collaborating opportunities with other groups in France.

## **Update since last issue**

In July, IFPEB held a meeting to present the French GBC initiative to major industrial companies.

During this quarter, IFPEB also translated two reports from the World Business Council for Sustainable Development into French (“Energy Efficiency in Buildings Transforming the market” and “Energy Efficient Building Facts and Trends”).

Official letters have been sent to the very large national certification systems (HQE and EFFINERGIE) and meetings with the Chairmen are being scheduled.

Also scheduled, is a meeting with Philippe Pelletier, the Chairman of the Public Policy Strategy Committee (Plan Batiment Grenelle).

Four major NGOs have joined IFPEB’s efforts and will be sharing in their ‘Green Exchange’ website (to be launched in the next three months).

IFPEB has also been invited by SBAlliance to create a working group (French Platform) that will gather Qualitel, Certivea, possibly HQE and EFFINERGIE as well as the association BDM. This future established working group is to be called “SBAlliance France”. A meeting regarding this group is scheduled for late August 2009.

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## **Georgia (Associated Group)**

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### **Background**

As of April 2009, the founding group of GBC Georgia consists of four professionals representing management in built environment, legal drafting, building services, energy and environmental design, and construction management.

The core founding group has formally registered with the state in March 2009. At this stage of the registration the bylaws for GBC Georgia have not yet been adopted. The adoption of the bylaws will be the next action of the Founding Board. They will also be working on the strategic plan for 2009.

A review of the country’s environmental legislation was conducted to assess Georgian legislation in regards to the built environment and the existing building stock operations. The next stage will be for the Founding Board to plan for the main legislative activities.

## **Update since last issue**

In this quarter the group has been focusing on institutional set-up. They have involved more professionals from international organizations working in the sphere of the built environment and have been continuing to finalize the strategic plan.

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## **Hungary (ProspectiveGBC)**

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### **Background**

In October of 2008, WorldGBC was contacted by a group of individuals from Hungary that had begun the process of creating a Green Building Council and were interested in attaining emerging member status with WorldGBC. A letter of intent was submitted detailing that this group of individuals has been actively laying the groundwork over the past seven months in order to establish a GBC in Hungary.

In February of 2009 this group's expression of interest was formally approved by WorldGBC.

### **Update since last issue**

This group is awaiting the legal registration as no sponsorship can be received until the tax information is available.

The Board meets every two weeks for strategic planning and recruitment of new members and sponsors. Currently three committees are in place (Technical, Public Affairs and Membership). A program for 2009-2012 events is also being developed where the Earth Day event will be used to officially announce the GBC.

Most of the work is being done by the Board at this stage and so funding is crucial in order to leverage and expand efforts. There is interest in hiring an Operations Manager.

The group is in communication with the USGBC and several of their members are LEED APs however they are exploring all of their options regarding rating tools.

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## **ItalyGBC (EmergingGBC)**

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### **Background**

ItaliaGBC was incorporated in January 2008. This group is led by Mario Zoccatelli. The organization is headquartered in the small Italian region of Trento, where it enjoys the support of the local government. The organization also receives strong local industry support.

ItaliaGBC was granted Emerging Member status during the Board Meeting in Melbourne, September 2008, where they competed for this status with another group from Italy.

### **Update since last issue**

*No update available for this issue.*

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## **Montenegro (Associated Group)**

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### **Background**

In Montenegro there has been a recent development boom and land prices have soared. The slackening of demand now provides a window of opportunity for Green Building ideas and technologies. Unfortunately many projects in the pipeline take little account of sustainable practices and are more geared for the short-term gain. It is this gap that needs to be addressed at the highest levels of government and industry.

A group has come together first time in Montenegro looking to establish a GBC. Currently this Initiators Group is made up of representatives from international companies (such as Colliers and Porto Montenegro) NGOs and individuals with an interest in sustainable development. In Montenegro, legal registration requires 7-10 core founding individuals and they are looking for more co-founders to head the initiative.

The group has also participated on the New European GBCs Network conference calls to gain perspective on the visions and missions of GBCs as well as the kind of work that is necessary to develop such an organization.

## **Update since last issue**

The Initiators Group has received strong and welcome support from the Office of Sustainable Development (a government department). The group is still at its very early stages, having come together in November of 2008. Currently, the groups' top priority is to identify and approach highly placed Montenegrins in the relevant sectors, whether commerce, academia or elsewhere, who can be persuaded that it is in their best interest to take this concept into serious consideration and join the Core Founding Group. The aim is to develop a sense of local ownership over the GBC.

With a population of about 600,000, Montenegro does not have the inherent capacity to develop its own accreditation system. The Initiators Group will work to adapt one of the major current systems to suit the local conditions. This is where the move towards a common European standard is very beneficial, especially now as Montenegro has applied for EU membership. Given the size of the country, funding is expected to pose a challenge for this group.

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## **PolandGBC (EmergingGBC)**

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### **Background**

The Polish Green Building Council (PLGBC) was legally established as an NGO in December 2007, with 18 Founding Members. On November 13th 2008 it received its legal registration from the Polish KRS. After a year of operation it will apply for a non-profit status. PLGBC BOD consists of 6 members and will expand to 13 (based on revised bylaws). Its Audit Committee currently has 3 members. It currently has 20 Members and 10 Founding Partners.

### **Update since last issue**

Since April 2009, PLGBC has been engaged in active preparations for its grand opening for General Membership. In May 2009, PLGBC gained its new Platinum Founding Partner – Skanska.

In July 2009, PLGBC finalized discussions with the European Commission's Programme "GreenBuilding" to become its official National Contact Point.

Two of the PLGBC most active Committees welcomed new Chairs: Membership and Development Committee – Bartłomiej Kisielewski and the Research

Committee – Dr.Pawel Krause. PLGBC welcomed its new Board of Directors Member - Piotr Srokosz as well as a new CEO - Agnes Vorbrodt-Schurma.

PLGBC has issued 3 monthly eNewsletters, and is currently preparing its 4<sup>th</sup> issue. In July, PLGBC conducted market research on the current situation of green building industry in Poland and the report is currently being prepared.

PLGBC was also featured in the May issue of Architektura – Murator, a Polish leading architectural magazine as well as on a number of architecture and construction internet portals. PLGBC has recently opened up the registration for its Opening Symposium, Expo and Gala in October 2009, which will take place in Krakow. It will be the first conference in the CEE region presenting all major rating systems applicable to Europe.

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## **Romania (EmergingGBC)**

**Contact Person: Steven Borncamp [steven.borncamp@rogbc.org](mailto:steven.borncamp@rogbc.org)**

### **Background**

The Romania Green Building Council gained Emerging Member Status at the Board Meeting in Melbourne, September 2008 and is officially incorporated as a non profit association. Their membership has reached 70 companies and they have held informal events about the Council in Bucharest, Cluj, Arad and Timisoara.

### **Update since last issue**

The RoGBC has grown to 70 member companies representing a variety of industry groups. The RoGBC is primarily based in Bucharest with an additional team member active in Cluj-Napoca. While the construction industry has, like elsewhere, been challenged by the economic situation, the Council has seen a significant increase in interest in green building, based on the number of inquiries received, media coverage, and growing membership. The Council membership voted and confirmed its 2009-2010 Board of Directors' elections with results available at [www.RoGBC.org](http://www.RoGBC.org).

The RoGBC helped the UNDP in Romania organize a conference on energy efficiency to begin preparations for the next Copenhagen COP of the UNFCCC. The conference was attended by the top UNDP representative for Romania as well as representatives from the Foreign Ministry, Environment, Development (Construction), and Finance ministries. RoGBC representatives provided presentations to these government representatives about the economic and environmental benefits of greener buildings and why Romania should willingly adopt higher standards. The RoGBC will also, in early September, organize a seminar to build awareness of green buildings to coincide with the events and

effort of other international GBCs to bring awareness to the importance of green construction for reducing GHG emissions.

The Council has continued offering well-attended training courses including this quarter's: "Valuation and Costs of Green Buildings" and "Creating Greener Workspaces". The RoGBC had a strong success with "The Garden Bookshop" and "Architecture Days" – two events spanning eight days in Cluj-Napoca, Romania.

They are excited to organize "Sustainable Construction in Transylvania!" in mid-August in coordination with representatives from the German Sustainable Construction Council (DGNB.de) for an informal training, retreat, fun session in a sustainably-built Inn from the region. See RoGBC's website "Event" section for details.

The RoGBC also provided presentations and created exhibitions for various green building events such as the Green Biz Forum by BIZ magazine and the HRB Expert – Hospitality Forum with a recap presentation on Greening Our Hotels. Two more five-star hotels have joined the RoGBC bringing the number to three of the best hotels in town. The RoGBC has worked with each hotel to implement substantial green pilot projects (including waterless urinals, LED and CFL lighting replacement and other initiatives).

The "Exemplary Building Project" has been slightly delayed simply due to more immediate management concerns but it remains a top priority item both with the RoGBC team and our members.

The RoGBC's green renovation of a multi-use daycare center organized and inaugurated with the General Mayor of Bucharest is on schedule to be opened in September of 2009

Lastly, the RoGBC is developing a set of council operations tools based on their activities to date, that they could share with other GBCs willing to participate. Please contact [anca.dobrescu@RoGBC.org](mailto:anca.dobrescu@RoGBC.org) for more information.

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## **Russia (Associated Group)**

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### **Background**

Although the construction and development industry in Russia remain skeptical of the green building movement, there are several key organizations that are beginning to acknowledge the future shift of the market in this direction. There are some green building projects emerging including those in Moscow City. Also gaining interest, in Russia, are organizations such as HOK, WSP, Arup, Savant, EBRD, RMJM, ALACIS, DOE, Russian Investment Group, the All Russian Institute of Rural Electrification, JLL, CBRE, Knight Frank and several others.

Adam Sheriff-Scott, the Senior Director, Head of Office Services Group of CB Richard Ellis in Russia met with Andrew Bowerbank and staff, at the WorldGBC Secretariat in January 2009, to gather documentation and guidance on starting a RussiaGBC. He will present the information to possible founding members and report back to WorldGBC.

Another individual, David Lawrence, European Director of Construction & Development from AIG Lincoln has also expressed his interest to head a RussiaGBC. After conversations with Andrew in January of 2009, David (also working with CB Richard Ellis) is planning to head the RussiaGBC initiative in collaboration with Adam Sheriff-Scott and his contacts.

### **Update since last issue**

*No update available for this issue.*

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## **GBCEspaña (EmergingGBC)**

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### **Background**

In November 2007 WorldGBC met with Luis Alvarez Ude, of Spain, regarding the establishment of a GBC. Luis is a member of the iiSBE Chapter in Spain and he was interested in joining WorldGBC. Luis and his colleagues understood the value and potential of the GBC model, and saw the limitations of the Structure of an iiSBE Chapter. The initiative to establish a GBC began.

Since that time this group has worked hard to amend their organization's structure, with the guidance of WorldGBC, in order to truly establish a Green Building Council.

On February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009, GBCEspaña was formally granted Emerging Member Status.

## **Update since last issue**

In order to progress towards full membership status, GBCEspaña is in communication with Tim McEnery of USGBC (USGBC being the Associate GBC for GBCEspaña). Updated documentation of the Council's structure, financing and strategic plans are being prepared to meet the requirements stated by USGBC. This year's attendance to the WorldGBC International Congress and Greenbuild in Phoenix AZ, has been confirmed.

GBCEspaña's internal organization is steadily growing, with new hired staff to assist the Executive Director, the membership database now organized, and communication being developed. Although so far only in Spanish, GBCEspaña's webpage is already fully operational. Numerous meetings have taken place to discuss bylaws, policy improvement, enhanced participation of industry partners, sponsorship and democratic procedures (using USGBC documents for reference).

GBCEspaña found the International Workshop on Sustainable Building, kindly held in Stuttgart by DGNB at the end on June, a very instructive initiative.

At the end of June 2009, a Framework Agreement was signed with the Ministry of Housing, which opens the way to financing and improved viability (as a substantial percentage of the costs for main activities such as VERDE and SB10mad will now be covered). This support will help the Council to progress in their development. A critical number of members has been reached at around 45, which is expected to expand largely in 2010.

GBCEspaña's first Evaluators Accreditation course for VERDE (GBCEspaña's Environmental Evaluation Tool) was held exclusively to Council members the first week of July 2009. This course, together with the development of documentary material, it will help refine a commercial program that is expected to launch by the end of 2009. This program will include VERDE, the Evaluators Accreditation training courses and the complete operation of GBCEspaña as a certification body.

The organization of the SB10mad conference is moving along well, GBCEspaña attended the coordinating meeting in Paris in April 2009. At the beginning of May, the conference announcement and call for papers was sent to all the relevant Spanish organizations as well as to iiSBE, CIB, UNEP, WorldGBC and USGBC to be forwarded among their members. The SB10mad webpage is fully operational, in both Spanish and English. The scientific committee has already received a fair number of abstracts whose submission deadline has been extended to September 30, 2009. There is also a 20% discount for all WorldGBC

members.

Finally, GBCEspaña's intention to adopt LEED as its rating tool is being discussed with USGBC and a roadmap is being drafted in the next few months.

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### **Sweden (Associated Group)**

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In February 2009, WorldGBC was contacted by Mr. Henrik Rand on behalf of the Swedish organizations Fastighetsägarna (Swedish Property Federation) and Vasakronan. These organizations are taking part in discussions with various stakeholders in the Swedish property market who are interested in forming a national Green Building Council in Sweden.

SKANSKA, one of the world's leading construction groups, has also expressed interest in bringing the LEED certification system to the Nordic Region Market.

Both Rick Fedrizzi and Tom Hicks of USGBC have been in contact with these groups. Currently, discussions are taking place regarding the best strategic approach to this region.

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### **The Netherlands (EmergingGBC)**

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#### **Background**

The DutchGBC was granted Emerging Member Status at the Board Meeting in Melbourne, September 2008.

The organization is currently made up of 182 participating organizations, has established a Board of Directors made up of eight individuals and has employed nine staff.

#### **Update since last issue**

The Council is working on the development of BREEAM for new buildings. The deadline for this project is September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009, with the beta version completed this February. The Council is running 15 pilot projects to gather practical data and has 138 people involved in the translation. Each month an experts meeting is held. The progress of this project can be followed on [www.wiki.dgbc.nl](http://www.wiki.dgbc.nl)

In June of this year the development of a BREEAM label for existing buildings has been initiated with the plan to develop the first version by the end of this year. Many large building owners are involved in this process.

Over the last 12 months, six training programs have been organized. The goal is to make sure that all of their participants have a BREEAM expert in their organization, who is heavily involved in their project. A BREEAM basic management course is also organized. To date, 160 people have been trained. Lastly the assessor training and international assessor training programs have taken place with 60 assessors already trained.

Each month about seven meetings are held for, and together with, the Council's participants. Themes such as calculations and costs of sustainability, green financing, subsidizing, BREEAM and Dutch regulations, building permits and many others are discussed during these meetings. A five year agreement with Provada (the real estate summit in the Netherlands) is in place and a three day Council congress took place in June.

Although much is done already regarding education on sustainability, DutchGBC helps to structure education surrounding this topic. BREEAM junior for children has been developed by the Council and a project in Amsterdam was held where children assessed 10 buildings. A video of this project can be found on the DutchGBC website.

DutchGBC has also formed a sub advisory group who is responsible for the development of a label for sustainable area development. A beta version of this label is scheduled to be developed by the end of 2009.

Lastly, the Council is working on the harmonization of existing rating instruments. The Dutch market has two different languages for sustainability. GreenCalc is mainly used for utility buildings and is focused on energy while GPR is mainly used by local government, for houses, and is comparable with BREEAM. With both instruments they are working on harmonization in order to come to one language for sustainability for the built environment.

For more information feel free to refer to the following websites:

[www.dgbc.nl](http://www.dgbc.nl)

[www.breeam.nl](http://www.breeam.nl)

[www.wiki.dgbc.nl](http://www.wiki.dgbc.nl)

## **Turkey (Associated Group)**

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### **Background**

The Turkish Green Building Association (CEDBIK) was established in September 2007 by Mr. Nihat Gokyigit (a well known business man in the construction industry and founder of a well known, environmental, NGO in Turkey) and Dr. Duygu Erten (an ex Bovis Lend Lease employee who moved back to Turkey from Los Angeles, a USGBC member since 2000).

The NGO organization is incorporated and started with 23 members. The Board was formed by seven founding members and will extend to nine in the next election. This group has launched a website and has hired two staff (Ms. Ozlem Bahadir and Ms. Ayse Dila Kebabci). In one year, the membership has gone up 35%, they have developed eight committees (which have started to meet monthly) and have sent out three e-newsletters reaching over 60,000 people.

### **Update since last issue**

In April 2009, the Turkish Green Building Association (CEDBIK) provided the main contextual support in the organization of a conference that was held by one of its members (Building Industry Center-YEM). CEDBIK and YEM have become strategic partners and are planning for future activities together. CEDBIK has organized a BREEAM Training session from which 10 participants passed the exam to become BREEAM Assessors. Also in April, CEDBIK organized a cocktail event among its members to facilitate networking opportunities and further develop and strengthen the green building community in Turkey.

In June 2009, CEDBIK was represented in the EMEA-Focused Real Estate and Investment Fair (one of the most important events in the real estate world of Turkey), covering a wide range spectrum of the real estate economy and business. Duygu Erten, CEDBIK Vice President delivered a lecture on Green Buildings in Istanbul Restate and CEDBIK organized an informal seminar in which the SBTool and the German Green Building Certification System were presented by Nils Larsson and Christine Lemaitre respectively.

Lastly, the CEDBIK Certification Committee meeting took place where invitees included high ranking professionals from the government and private sectors. The Ministry of Public Works representative attended the meeting and promised to support CEDBIK in the process of developing a Green Building Certification Tool for Turkey.

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## **Chapter 2- Asia Pacific Region**

### **Regional Summary**

#### **Asia Pacific Green Building Leadership Program (APGBLP)**

This program is developing well with Lindsay Bevege constructing the overview and purpose of the APGBLP and individual sessions are being organized by invited speakers from the GBCA, Jane Henley from the NZGBC and other organizations.

Confirmed Attendees include:

India GBC - 3 attendees  
Philippines GBC - 3 attendees  
Indonesia GBC - 3 attendees  
Vietnam GBC - 4 attendees  
China GBC - 3 attendees  
Singapore GBC - 3 attendees

Countries still to confirm attendance:

Malaysia  
Korea  
Japan  
Hong Kong  
Taiwan

#### **World GBC Asia Pacific Network**

The WorldGBC Asia Pacific Network will be launched in Melbourne, Australia as part of the APGBLP and in conjunction with World Green Building Day. Penny Wong, Australian Minister for Climate Change and Water has been invited to launch the network.

During the two-week APGBLP, a full day forum will be held to develop the Network further and to gauge what the various countries consider valuable to the development of GBCs and this network in their countries.

#### **World Green Building Day (WGBD)**

WGBD will be celebrated in Australia in Melbourne while the APGBLP is on and the delegates will be part of the celebration alongside our Australian members. The event will be sponsored and hosted by Lend Lease at The Gauge, their 6-Green Star rated Melbourne office. Tony Arnel will host the event.

## **Activities Undertaken in May, June and July**

### *Jakarta, Indonesia 10th - 13th of May*

Trudy-Ann King and Robin Melon (GBCA Green Star ED) worked with the Indonesian GBC. w Trudy-Ann focused on council development while Robin worked on tool development. The Indonesian GBC has now been accepted as an Emerging Member of the WorldGBC. The group has been developing a rating tool for Indonesia, called Green Ship.

Trudy-Ann met with various developers.

### *Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia 20th - 23rd May*

Trudy-Ann spoke at the launch of the Malaysian Green Building Index and facilitated a council development workshop with the Malaysian GBC.

### *Hong Kong, China 15th - 17th May*

Romilly Madew met with Business Environment Council and HKGBC Founding Committee and presented to an architectural firm.

### *Seoul, Korea 18th - 20th May*

Romilly attended the C40 Summit and met with the Korean GBC.

### *Hong Kong, China 19th June*

Romilly spoke at the Australia Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce.

**Upcoming Asia - Pacific Activities**

The following activities have been planned to date for this year:

Trudy-Ann King	Hyderabad, India	Sept 9-12 <sup>th</sup>	Present at the IGBC Conference on the GBCAustralia experience on behalf of GBCA
	Melbourne + Brisbane, Australia	Sept 21 <sup>st</sup> –Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Asia Pacific Green Building Leadership Program  Asia Pacific Network Launch  World Green Building Day event
TBC	Phoenix, USA	Nov. 7-13 <sup>th</sup>	WorldGBC Congress (AP Network opportunity)  Greenbuild
	Shanghai, China	Nov. 24-26	Keynote at Greenbuild Shanghai Conference

## **China (Associated Group)**

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### **Background**

The ChinaGBC was established on March 31, 2008, under the leadership of China's Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural Development (MOHURD).

ChinaGBC has set up an initial committee of 65 members with the main staff being Li Ping and Zou Yan Qing and Mr. Wang You Wei as head of the Committee. Their website has been launched at [www.chinagbc.org.cn](http://www.chinagbc.org.cn).

The main focus of ChinaGBC is to set up Chapters across the country. ChinaGBC efforts are driven by the Chinese government. They have a fully engaged system with all the ministries on board as well as support from green building professionals.

In 2006, China Green Building Evaluation Tool was created on a voluntary basis. This established rating system applies to both residential and public buildings. Green Construction Guidelines were also developed by China's Ministry of Commerce (MOC) September, 2007.

*For more background information on ChinaGBC, consult November Issue of the Regional Council Development Summaries.*

### **Update since last issue**

*No update available for this issue.*

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## **Hong Kong (Associated Group)**

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### **Background**

Currently the initiative to establish a Hong Kong GBC is headed by individuals representing four organizations:

The BEAM Society ([www.hk-beam.org.hk](http://www.hk-beam.org.hk)) is a non-profit and member based organization that owns and implements Hong Kong's Building Environmental Assessment Method (BEAM);

The Business Environment Council ([www.bec.org.hk](http://www.bec.org.hk)) is a non-profit and member based business association advocating the business case for sustainability in Hong Kong;

The Construction Industry Council ([www.hkcic.org](http://www.hkcic.org)) is Hong Kong's statutory body empowered to formulate codes of conduct, administer registration and rating schemes, steer research and manpower development and promote good practices; and

The Professional Green Building Council ([www.hkpgbc.org.hk](http://www.hkpgbc.org.hk)) which is a non-profit making research and education institute promoting a better sustainable built environment through professional involvement. Kevin Edmunds, Chief Operating Officer from BEC, is the main contact person for this group.

Bylaws have been drafted for Hong Kong GBC and were reviewed by GBCAustralia. Recommendations have been made in several areas. The primary concern is that the governance structure does not reflect a GBC is a.

The bylaws are currently being revised and an Expression of Interest is being drafted.

### **Update since last issue**

*No update available in this issue.*

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## **Indonesia (ProspectiveGBC)**

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### **Background**

In August 2008, a group from Indonesia visited the WorldGBC Secretariat with interest in establishing a GBC and joining the WorldGBC Network.

In May 2009, the group's Expression of Interest was approved by WorldGBC.

### **Update since last issue**

GBCIndonesia has been reaching out (to industries, government bodies, NGO and other stakeholders) to recruit founding members to their already existing group of 51 core founders. They have also begun to campaign the media and have been releasing articles and publications (including the magazine "Property Indonesia").

In April, GBCI had a one-day rating system seminar with Mr. John Burnett from Hong Kong, who spoke to the core founding members of GBCI regarding his experience in developing a green building rating system in Hong Kong. As well Ms. Naning Adiwoso, GBCI Chairperson spoke at the Springhill Apartment Launch event addressing green building concepts.

In May, GBCI put on a workshop attended by GBCAustralia representatives. The workshop was separated into two streams; Council Development and Rating System Development. Following this workshop a public seminar was held where Mr. Kuntoro Mangkusubroto, former head of Aceh-Nias, was the keynote speaker. Also at this seminar, Ms. Trudy-Ann King, WorldGBC Regional Manager for Asia Pacific spoke about Green Building Council Development and Mr. Robin Mellon of GBCAustralia addressed rating systems. Three speakers from GBCI also gave presentations and a panel discussion took place involving developer Jakarta MRT of BSD City. GBCI also participated at an exhibition and spoke at BCI Asia Top Ten Indonesia Architects Award and Seminar.

In June the founding group met with more industry representatives interested in joining GBCIndonesia initiative including Toto (sanitation), Philips (lighting), Holcim (cement), Sumalindo (wood products), PLN (Indonesia national electricity company), Bluescope Steel, Knauf (gypsum), Springhill (developer) and several others.

Lastly, an article on GBCI development has been published in FuturArc Regional Magazine (the Green Edition). This article is part of the GBCI media campaign.

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## **Malaysia (Associated Group)**

**Contact Person: Hunt Soon See** [huntsoon.see@ap.bovislendlease.com](mailto:huntsoon.see@ap.bovislendlease.com)

### **Background**

In October of 2008, WorldGBC was contacted by Mr. Hunt Soon See, Executive Project Manager of Operations from WTW Bovis Sdn Bhd, who informed WorldGBC that his group of initiators has been working away on the steps to creating a GBC. To date, there is a core founding group, a founding Board, and they have developed bylaws and incorporated as a non profit. Mr. Hunt Soon See has been made aware of the changes in Membership Process that are taking place and is in the process of reviewing the most recent Roadmap document and Process Overview.

GBCAustralia has been working with this group to provide assistance in the Asia Pacific Region.

### **Update since last issue**

*No update available in this issue.*

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## **Singapore (Prospective GBC)**

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### **Background**

The Building and Construction Authority (BCA) in Singapore has been working closely with GBCAustralia as well as other individuals from the GBC Network in order to come together and form a SingaporeGBC.

In order to help the SingaporeGBC start off on firm and credible footing in Singapore, the BCA will facilitate the establishment of the SGBC at the initial stage by getting suitable and interested parties across the entire chain of the built environment to make up the founding board. To lend support for the formation of the SGBC, BCA will contribute seed capital as well as secretariat services which will see SGBC through for the first two years until a steady stream of income is secured through membership dues and green building product certification.

On April 29, 2009 SingaporeGBC submitted their expression of interest to WorldGBC which will now undergo the review process.

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## **Update since last issue**

On June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 SingaporeGBC's Expression of Interest was approved by WorldGBC, granting them Prospective GBC status.

They have been following the WorldGBC roadmap and communicating closely with GBCAustralia while working on developing the necessary documents to gain Emerging Member status with WorldGBC.

All necessary documentation, including the business plan and bylaws, has now been completed and submitted to WorldGBC together with the Emerging Member Application. Their submission has been reviewed by the WorldGBC Membership Committee, which recommends approval to the WorldGBC Board. The Board will vote on final approval at the September Executive Committee Meeting.

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## **Thailand (Associated Group)**

**Contact Person: Dr. Greg Anderson [greg@asiainterlegal.com](mailto:greg@asiainterlegal.com)**

## **Background**

In January of 2009, WorldGBC was contacted by Dr. Greg Anderson, U.S. Attorney at Law and Managing Director of Asia International Legal Advisors, with the interest in establishing a ThailandGBC.

Documentation has been provided by WorldGBC and Dr. Anderson is working on bringing together a core group of individuals and registering the organization in Thailand before submitting an Expression of Interest.

## **Update since last issue**

Currently many leaders in Thailand are looking into the opportunity of creating a GBC and discussions are being held as new interests emerge. Mr. Greg Anderson is working to bring the different interest groups together to discuss collaboration opportunities.

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## **VietnamGBC (EmergingGBC)**

**Contact Person: Yannick Millet** [ymillet@vsccan.org](mailto:ymillet@vsccan.org)

### **Background**

VietnamGBC was granted Emerging Member Status in September of 2007.

Since then the council has been flourishing regionally, concentrating on issues such as water supply and sanitation, vertical urban gardening, addressing factories breaching pollution rules, power outages, the effects of Arctic melt, raising temperatures in the form of extreme rainfall and many others.

An e-newsletter is being distributed bi-weekly to all members and interested parties. For more information visit [www.vsccan.org](http://www.vsccan.org) or to subscribe to VGBC's e-news letter visit

[http://vsccan.org/mailman/listinfo/vgbc\\_bulletin\\_vsccan.org](http://vsccan.org/mailman/listinfo/vgbc_bulletin_vsccan.org)

### **Update Since Last Issue**

After a two month transition period, Yannick Millet is now VietnamGBC's new Executive Director. His scientific and quality management background, as well as his eight years of professional experience (including four years in the construction sector) in Vietnam, are contributing to the strengthening of the existing structure and expertise of the organizations.

In addition, this May 2009, VGBC welcomed a new motivated and experienced collaborator, Melissa Merryweather, who is acting now as VGBC Southern Region Coordinator. Melissa is a RIBA-qualified Architect, and a LEED AP, with an extensive experience of Vietnam. She worked for the biggest foreign Architecture company in Vietnam for five years, and was recently responsible for the HOK representative office in HCMC. VGBC is really grateful for her invaluable volunteer contribution.

Currently, following this transition period, VGBC is refocusing its work on finalizing the draft of their rating tool - LOTUS pilot version for New Construction, in order to be in line with the One Green UN house to be built in Hanoi. This draft version is planned for release to the Technical Advisory Group for review within this summer, and then, early fall, the first LOTUS pilot version will be officially launched.

VGBC is now very active in raising public awareness about sustainability and climate change adaptation in Vietnam. More than four official and public presentations have been given to academia, business representatives and developers and government officials. VGBC has been granted TV interviews and articles in the national and regional press.

A special focus is now given to Energy Efficiency awareness, as the Vietnamese government is currently launching a large action plan to improve energy efficiency in all sectors. VGBC is strengthening its ties with the Ministry of Industry and Trade, as well as the Energy Conservation Centers to work out and define energy benchmarks.

In the long run, VGBC is aiming to implement its SHUR (Sustainable Housing and Resilience Housing) program. Thanks to the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology's (RMIT) close collaboration and funding, VGBC will implement ground surveys to assess the vulnerability and sustainability of existing housing in Hanoi. These studies aim to work out sustainable and climate change adaptation recommendations and building codes for Vietnam. In order to jointly carry on this task, a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed in between VGBC and the Institute of Environmental Science and Engineering in Hanoi.

In parallel, late this September, VGBC staff will attend the 2 week workshop, organized by WGBC and Aus-aid, which intends to strengthen the Green Building Asia Pacific network. This workshop will take place in Melbourne and Brisbane. VGBC considers this a great opportunity to establish links and to exchange information with all other respective GBCs' in the region.

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## **Chapter 3 – Central, South & Latin America**

### **Regional Summary**

*The Central, South & Latin American market has identified LEED as a prominent certification system and, in turn, the interest in green building has started to grow.*

*As identified by the new Decentralized Model for Council Development, the Central, South & Latin America Region will be appointed a regional officer to aid in the rapid increase in interest and provide guidance to the already emerging GBCs in this region.*

*To date, an officer has not been chosen, however, these countries are beginning to network amongst one another due to similar socio-cultural context and geographic proximity. MexicoGBC and BrazilGBC, having Established Member status for some time now, are providing support to emerging GBCs and interested groups in this region.*

*ArgentinaGBC has graduated to Established Member status in March 2009 and will now be reported in Established Member Reports.*

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### **Chile (ProspectiveGBC)**

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#### **Background**

Diego Barron of Johnson Controls is heading the initiative to establish the ChileGBC. He met with WorldGBC at GreenBuild in Boston (November, 2008) to give an introductory presentation on his efforts to date. His group is composed of companies from a diverse cross section of the market. They plan to position their group as an industry led initiative with a focus on practical application. This group recognizes the interest of adopting LEED for the Chilean market and would like to adopt or create a building certification standard once they have established a Green Building Council.

#### **Update since last issue**

On June 19, 2009, the five members of the core founding group formally signed the legal statutes for the establishment of the ChileGBC in Chile. The statutes will be submitted to the Ministry of Justice with the process estimated to take approximately six to eight months. In the meantime, the core founding group is working through a consensus approach to create the business plan and establish membership structures and guidelines.

## **Costa Rica (ProspectiveGBC)**

**Contact Person: Craig Williamson** [craig@craigwilliamson.com](mailto:craig@craigwilliamson.com)

### **Background**

A Green Building Council of Costa Rica has been established and incorporated and is now moving forward to gain membership with WorldGBC.

This group is headed by Mr. Craig Williams, President/CEO of ERA Latin America and founder and chairman of GBC Costa Rica. This initiative began when Mr. Williamson started searching for an overall solution for one of his Development Projects and recognized the value and need of having a Green Building Council in Costa Rica. His company facilitates the largest inland Residential Development as well as other small projects. Some of their sustainability initiatives include the plan to reforest over 60,000 native trees, develop initiatives for schools, low density usage and several others.

Mr. Craig Williamson is supporting the development of other GBCs in the Latin America Region and has been in contact with Cesar Ulises Trevino offering assistance to MexicoGBC.

Also on the Board and supporting this initiative is Mr. Frank Biden, brother of Joseph Biden, the current Vice President of the United States.

### **Update since last issue**

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, the Expression of Interest from the group headed by Mr. Craig Williamson was formally approved by WorldGBC.

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## **Colombia (EmergingGBC)**

**Contact Person: Margarita Garcia** [mgarcia@cccs.org.co](mailto:mgarcia@cccs.org.co)

### **Background**

The ColombiaGBC was created in March 2007, led by private sector individuals and companies concerned with the environmental impact of the Colombian construction industry. In February 2008 the council was legally incorporated following the Roadmap of the WorldGBC and was accepted as an Emerging Member. After less than a year of formal establishment, Colombia is making important progress in order to successfully become an Established Member of the WorldGBC.

## **Update since last issue**

The ColombiaGBC has made significant progress in the education services for members and the public during this quarter. The education plan for the second semester of 2009 was planned during the months of May and June. The program includes a monthly course/workshop from June to December of 2009. A total of five courses will be taught during the second semester of 2009. Two out of the five courses will be taught by the USGBC, another two of the courses will be taught by most of the LEED APs resident in Colombia and the fifth will be taught by experts in commissioning. The courses will focus on green building and LEED and the interest and expectations are high from the general public. The first course of July 2009 is already sold out.

ColombiaGBC will have its official launch in August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The event will include a dialogue with the media and policy makers interested in elevating the sustainable construction standards, an academic event with the participation of the USGBC and a course on LEED, and finally a cocktail event for all of the members.

To date, there are 20 LEED APs in Colombia and 11 LEED registered projects. The potential of the market is high and continuously growing. Besides the ones registered as LEED, there are a significant number of projects with various sustainability components. During this quarter, and with the help of a York University intern provided by the WorldGBC, ColombiaGBC will have documented the sustainable construction projects, products and LEED APs within the Councils membership.

Currently ColombiaGBC has 60 members (including funding and special members such as Universities and NGOs). During this quarter 10 more companies have applied as regular members and 20 more have received the application information package.

The Ministry of the Environment and Housing in Colombia own a green label to encourage green practices in all economic sectors. They have started work on a green label for sustainable building and have requested the advice of ColombiaGBC in order to elaborate this green seal and incorporate several economic and non-economic incentives.

One nation's presidential candidates have also asked ColombiaGBC to express their opinion on how to motivate policies that encourage green building practices. They are considering ColombiaGBC's advice as input for the campaign proposals.

During the second quarter of 2009, ColombiaGBC have further developed their website to be more interactive with their members and visitors. Their website

provides quarterly bulletins, a directory and meeting summaries, as well as bylaws, procedures and other important documents.

Between April and June ColombiaGBC has been featured in a multitude of magazines, newspapers and publications, including; Agua Magazine (specialized construction magazine), El Tiempo (the major newspaper in Colombia), Portafolio (a finance magazine that belongs to El Tiempo publications), Dinero (an economic specialized magazine), Construarte (a specialized construction magazine), and Andesco Magazine (the publication of the association of public services providers). Finally, the ColombiaGBC was contracted by a local broadcast network, with a strong interest to make a short documentary on green building in Colombia.

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### **Ecuador (Associated Group)**

**Contact Person:** Antonio Naranjo [antonio\\_naranjo@hotmail.com](mailto:antonio_naranjo@hotmail.com)

In Quito, Ecuador, a group has begun working towards establishing an EcuadorGBC. Since April 2009, they have created a non-profit organization called Ecuador Sustentable, which is still in the process of legalization. They have been reaching out to architecture firms, construction firms, government agencies and universities, in search of support for an EcuadorGBC. There is still little knowledge and awareness regarding sustainable design in Ecuador, which makes the process of finding support a slow one. They have created a facebook group called Ecuador Sustentable where they are providing information for the people in Ecuador. They have also invited Professor Bruce Haglund, from the University of Idaho, to give a one week workshop for this group to further educate them about LEED and sustainable design.

Guiding documentation has been provided by WorldGBC and the group has been put in contact with other GBCs in South America for further support.

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## **Paraguay (Associated Group)**

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### **Background**

Mr. Daniel Martin, vice director of the Sustainable Building Department of Euroquality, made contact with WorldGBC in October, 2008 in the interest of starting a Council in Paraguay. His company belongs to INDRA, South America, ([http://www.indra.es/servlet/ContentServer?pagename=IndraES/Page/EstructHomeIndra&Language=en\\_GB](http://www.indra.es/servlet/ContentServer?pagename=IndraES/Page/EstructHomeIndra&Language=en_GB)) a Spanish consulting firm with employees all around the world. INDRA, S.A. are managing the LEED Certification process of the first and only LEED Project in Paraguay and are also providing advice in the certification of other projects in Spain and other Latin American countries.

As a result of the work done by this project team in Paraguay, and due to the experience achieved through the design and construction of the building, Mr. Martin and a group of associated companies (architects, engineers, project managers, universities and others) are interested in establishing a GBC in Paraguay.

This group feels that with most of South America composed of Spanish speaking countries, GBCs in South America should organize to translate LEED into Spanish in order to promote LEED certification in the South American market.

### **Update since last issue**

Currently, this group has been reviewing the documentation provided by WorldGBC and hopes to submit an expression of interest in the near future.

Mr. Marin is also planning to attend Greenbuild in Phoenix in November.

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## **Uruguay (Perspective GBC)**

**Contact Person: Gabriel Raij [gabriel@oneproyectos.com](mailto:gabriel@oneproyectos.com)**

Gabriel Raij, a professional architect interested in starting a Green Building Council in Uruguay, first contacted the WorldGBC in November of 2008. He represents a multidisciplinary group of architects, engineers, economists, social workers and major construction companies. He is also part of Braham Kumaris International University in Uruguay and is working together with other foundations. Having reviewed the WorldGBC Roadmap Gabriel has been working on establishing a founding board of individuals.

This group has now applied for non-profit status (as per Uruguayan Law), set in place a preliminary scheme for the Founding Board, secured assets for its first year of operations through donations provide by the members of the Found Board, held the initial kick-off meeting, secured founding sponsors, established relationships with the Federal and Local governments and is now developing their website.

In April, 2009 an Expression of Interest was submitted from this group and on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 it was approved by WorldGBC, granting this group PerspectiveGBC status.

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## **Chapter 4 –Countries Outside of Regional Jurisdiction**

*It is expected that there will be a few countries that will fall outside the jurisdiction of the three regions covered by the current Council development decentralized model (European; Asia Pacific; Central, South & Latin America). The countries will obtain support from the region that is most similar in socio-cultural context or based on geographic proximity.*

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### **Egypt (Associated Group)**

**Contact Person: Prof. A. Mosallam [mosallam@uci.edu](mailto:mosallam@uci.edu)**

### **Background**

In January 2009, WorldGBC was contacted by Prof. A. Mosallam with the intent to establish a GBC and to gain membership with WorldGBC. Prof. A. Mosallam represents an organization that was established through the Ministry of Housing two years ago. This organization was specifically created to tackle sustainable building practices in Egypt and is now coming together with other representatives from the building and other sectors in order to create an EgyptGBC.

The connection to government is important in this context in order for the Council to become truly influential in the region.

Since January, this group has been gaining recognition within Egypt and collaborating with interested organizations and companies.

### **Update since last issue**

*No update available is available for this issue.*

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## **Iran (Associated Group)**

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### **Background**

In early December, 2008, WorldGBC was contacted by Vincent Valai, an attorney from Quebec, representing a group of professionals from Iran on a pro bono basis. This group has registered as a non for profit organization and is already involved in green construction in Tehran.

### **Update since last issue**

Unfortunately, due to the 'International and Canadian Business Restrictions' and barriers such as 'The Iranian Transaction Regulations' WorldGBC is unable to move forward with extending membership to Iran.

WorldGBC would however like to acknowledge the hard work of the individuals supporting the green building movement in Iran and continue to direct any interested groups their way.

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## **Israel (EmergingGBC)**

**Contact Person: Doron Klein [mail@doronklein.com](mailto:mail@doronklein.com)**

### **Background**

There is a solid group of initiators that have been working with the WorldGBC towards creating ILGBC for about two years now. The principals in the group are Doron Klein, Rafi Rich, Michal Bitterman, Eitan Amiel, Lindsey Kerr and a few others. They had begun following the WorldGBC Roadmap under the guidance from Guido Petinelli, past Director of Council Development.

Their first official expanded board meeting was held at the end of January 2009. It took place at the biggest annual architectural conference in Jerusalem where Steven Danish from GermanySBC and Nadar Malim from USGBC delivered an introductory presentation. WorldGBC showed their support by providing an introductory audio/video clip from Andrew Bowerbank.

In early June of 2009, IsraelGBC received Emerging Member Status with WorldGBC.

## **Update since last issue**

In this the Founding Board held its second meeting, consisting primarily of a workshop for all members, giving each member an opportunity to express their personal reasons for being part of the Council and describe their organizations' reasons as well as bringing a sense of community. In addition, each member had the opportunity to discuss the committees – providing their input for the goals and tasks of any committees they wished, even the ones they were not a part of. This enabled the Board to come together on all the goals for the upcoming year.

In the second half of July, the five committees of the Council (Regulation, Rating Tool, Membership, Communication & PR, and Education) started meeting and acting on their respecting goals. Each one has set out main goals and created an agenda and work-plan for the next half-year.

The Council is also putting on its first public lecture series (“Green Summer at the Harbor”), aimed toward building professionals but open to all in the public who are interested. It is a series of four lectures held throughout the summer, addressing four elements. The first one was on water conservation and grey water system, held on July 20<sup>th</sup>, while the second one, on fire and alternative energy such as solar, is to be held on August 10<sup>th</sup>. The goal of the series is to raise awareness of green building issues and of the Council itself, as well as raise a small amount of funding and sponsor interest.

On June 9<sup>th</sup> the Council participated in a government –run day-conference for promoting Environmental Protection. ILGBC represented three of the day's committees including Green Building and addressing new and old construction, Education and the importance of green building and green programs in schools and Rating Tool options and opportunities.

On July 1<sup>st</sup> the Council gave a lecture at a Military conference for Green Building addressed to the construction employees of the Israeli Military.

As well the Council has continued communications with other GBCs, with regular conversation between GBCAustralia, who have been extremely helpful in consulting on development decisions.

Founding Member recruitment continues with 10 new companies interested in joining the Founding Board. There is also opportunity for raising \$25,000 through a grant with the Jewish Funder's Network.

Activities over the new few months will include; elections in the Board Meeting in September to approve by-laws, continued work of the committees, putting on the Green Building Day at Aclima (Israel's HVAC conference) in October, continuation of the lecture series and development of the Council's first Newsletter (both internal and external).

## **Jordan (ProspectiveGBC)**

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### **Background**

It has been over two years since the Green Building Concept started to gain interest in Jordan. Nevertheless, efforts have been scattered due to the absence of a well-structured entity responsible for coordinating efforts and setting a strategy for the future. For this reason, the Jordan Architect's Association hosted a core group of dedicated professionals, academics and business people to start working on establishing the Jordan Green Building Council (Jordan GBC).

The mission of the Jordan GBC is to introduce, promote and advocate for appropriate green building concepts and practices in the Jordanian building & construction sector. However, they look forward to evolving and expanding into a recognized regional leader in developing and implementing innovative green building practices in every possible aspect.

The Jordan GBC core group conducted several interactive meetings and brainstorming sessions in order to draw a roadmap for establishing the Jordanian Green Building Council. During these discussions, global and regional models and concerns were taken into account as well as the national response and priorities for addressing such issues. Moreover, differentiating factors that would assist in positioning Jordan and its Green Building Council on regional and international levels were considered. It should be emphasized that the Jordan GBC's strategic direction is the result of the group's own vision and would be subject to review as they move ahead with implementing the strategy and getting more people on board. The group's common belief in the cause is what brought them together and they will continue to work with their hearts and minds focused on making a difference. The team strongly realizes that the success of the Jordanian GBC "to-be" will only be possible if they can reach out to all the groups in the society and discover their relevant interest and added value.

Currently, the JordanGBC is gaining much momentum. Recently they took part in a large meeting which included approximately 30 representatives from; the private sector, the Royal Scientific Society, Jordan Engineer's Association, Amman Greater Municipality and several others. During the meeting they agreed on the importance of unifying efforts without undermining the role of the private sector and civil society as well as emphasizing the JordanGBC initiative as an independent national effort that should not be under the control of any specific organization or one government institution. This group is now expanding their founding group.

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## **Kenya (Associated Group)**

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Andrew Gremley is establishing contact with individuals interested in helping prepare a Continuing Professional Development Seminar on “Green Architecture” for the architects in Kenya. A proposal is being prepared for the Architect’s Registration Board who organizes the seminars. This seminar will act as a networking opportunity to solicit interested parties in forming a GBC in Kenya.

### **Update since last issue**

The planning for a ‘Green Architecture Seminar’ for this year is still underway. Currently Mr. Gremley is working on the first LEED certified building proposed for Sudan. Only two LEED Certified buildings exist in Kenya to day but more are expected to follow after the education seminar.

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## **Mauritius (Associated Group)**

**Contact Person: Tony Lee [tony@ecosisltd.com](mailto:tony@ecosisltd.com)**

### **Background**

In November 2008 Tony Lee, of the company Ecosis, met with WorldGBC at the GreenBuild Conference in Boston to discuss his intentions in establishing a GBC in Mauritius. Following this meeting, documentation was provided to Mr. Lee to guide GBC establishment efforts. Since that time he has been working on gathering a founding group to lead this initiative.

### **Update since last issue**

During this quarter the founding group has been meeting bi-monthly in preparation for submitting an Expression of Interest to WorldGBC. They have also been reaching out and communicating closely with Bruce Kerswill and Eric Noir (President and Board Member) of GBCSouth Africa (GBCSA), discussing ways in which GBCSA can help this group set up a GBC in Mauritius. There are also discussions around possibly extending GBCSA to GBC Southern Africa.

An expression of interest has been submitted, to WorldGBC at the end of July 2009.

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## **Qatar (ProspectiveGBC)**

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The formation of a QatarGBC made its first appearance at the MEED (Middle East Environmental Design) Conference in Doha, Qatar in March of 2009. Following the guidelines from WorldGBC as well as their neighbor, EmiratesGBC, the Launch Committee has prepared their Statutes and Constitutional bylaws. An initial business plan has also been developed and is now under review. The Launch Committee has also created an organizational chart which depicts the management and staff projections for the next three years.

Seven Committees have been formed and meet two to three times each month. These include: Launch Committee, Establishment, Education, Research & Development, Technical, Marketing/PR and Financial. The CEO/Managing Director has begun full time duties as of July. Membership has been opened as of June 15<sup>th</sup> when the Council planned their official announcement. The QatarGBC website was also launched to coincide this date.

The QatarGBC has also obtained a decree from Her Highness the Sheikha Mozah bint Nasser Al-Misned (the second wide of the Emir of the State of Qatar).

An Expression of Interest was submitted to the WorldGBC on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 and approved July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2009 granting this group ProspectiveGBC status.

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## **Saudi Arabia (ProspectiveGBC)**

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This group begun to take shape when members practicing consultancy (addressing environmentally friendly architecture) became familiar with the LEED green building rating system. Two of the firms from this group registered as members with the USGBC.

Abdulelah Has (one of the group members) registered his first four LEED projects back in 2007.

In July 2008 Abdulelah Al Mohanna started designing and constructing his Green Building Model projects in order to create awareness about LEED and green building with a training center on site to provide education to the community.

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Several real estate developers, business men, and other group members have confirmed financing for the initial forming of a Saudi Arabia GBC. Training programs are set to start in October of 2009, which will help secure more funds. A suggested budget is also in place for the first six months coupled with volunteer work and in-kind resources from the Group's member companies.

Next steps involve expanding the Founding Board and establishing a research and an implementation committee. Communications with government, NGOs and media are set to begin and a corporate plan is in place.

This group submitted an Expression of Interest in June of 2009 which was approved by the World Green Building Council on July 29, 2009, granting this group Prospective GBC status.

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**Initial Inquires from Outlying Regions:**

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## Appendix

### Three Year Membership Targets for New Councils

\* New full members for given year

<b>Year</b>	<b>Established GBC</b>	<b>Emerging GBC</b>	<b>Prospective GBC</b>
<b>2009</b>	Australia Brazil Canada Emirates Germany India Japan Mexico New Zealand South Africa Taiwan UK US *Argentina * Colombia * Poland * Vietnam * Romania * The Netherlands * Italy * Spain	Israel Hungary Chile France Costa Rica Singapore	Albania Croatia Czech Republic Russia Turkey Egypt China Hong Kong Malaysia Indonesia Thailand Cayman Islands Bahamas Sweden Uruguay Jordan Saudi Arabia
<b>2009 Total</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>

\* New full members for given year

<b>Year</b>	<b>Established GBC</b>	<b>Emerging GBC</b>	<b>Prospective GBC</b>
<b>2010</b>	Australia Brazil Canada Emirates Germany India Japan Mexico New Zealand South Africa Taiwan UK US Argentina Colombia Poland Vietnam Romania Dutch Italy Spain * Israel * Hungary * Chile * France * Costa Rica *Singapore	Albania Croatia Czech Republic Russia Turkey Egypt China Hong Kong Malaysia Indonesia Thailand Cayman Islands Bahamas Sweden Uruguay Jordan Saudi Arabia	Belgium Georgia Greece Bahrain & Oman Qatar Saudi Arabia Serbia Korea Philippines Sri Lanka Kenya Mauritius Paraguay Uruguay Ecuador El Salvador
<b>2010 Total</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>

\* New full members for given year

<b>Year</b>	<b>Established GBC</b>	<b>Emerging GBC</b>	<b>Prospective GBC</b>
<b>2011</b>	Australia Brazil Canada Emirates Germany India Japan Mexico New Zealand South Africa Taiwan UK US Argentina Colombia Poland Vietnam Romania Dutch Italy Spain Israel Hungary Chile France * Albania * Croatia * Czech Republic * Iran * Russia * Turkey * Egypt * China * Hong Kong * Malaysia * Singapore * Indonesia * Thailand * Costa Rica *Singapore * Cayman Islands * Bahamas *Sweden	Belgium Georgia Greece Bahrain & Oman Qatar Saudi Arabia Serbia Korea Philippines Sri Lanka Kenya Mauritius Paraguay Uruguay Ecuador El Salvador	N/A
<b>2011 Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>N/A</b>