Association of Civil Engineering Departments

Session 4 – Special Interest Groups
Parallel Sessions

Precursor thoughts/suggestions

SIG Session Kingston '11 Conference

Key Questions Considered

* Is there a need/desire to form SIG?

* How should SIG develop; physical or virtual group?

* How often should a physical SIG meet; when & where?

* Additional contributors/members; how to engage?

* SIG teaching themes, how is delivery changing/developing?

* Is there potential for greater collaboration between institutions?

* SIG theme for future ACED Conference/HoD Meeting sessions?

* How can SIG feedback/influence JBM policies/guidance?

ACED offering primer funding of £500 per SIG

Kingston '11 SIG

- Geotechnics Harry Johnson
- Hydraulics John Davies
- Structures Bob Lark
- Surveying Graham Ford/Brian Whiting
- Sustainability no quorate

Kingston '11 SIG Report Back

* **Geotechnics** – to continue momentum but likely to be in a virtual form

* **Hydraulics** – rename "Water Engineering and Fluid Mechanics" very positive with first initiative to review teaching themes and look to share good practice. Would like to influence JBM regarding "Core" nature.

* **Structures** – will review what IStructE project is offering to avoid duplication but keen to see how group can develop

* **Surveying** – to reinitiate communications with previous interested parties for possible "ToS" meeting Dec 2012 UEL. To look at Yahoo as possible vehicle for sharing best practice and common resources.

* Groups **<u>not</u>** interested in using ACED Conf. Fri pm for regular meetings

* What's has happened since? What's next?

Portsmouth '12 SIG

* Possible SIG follow up development meetings
    * Geotechnics
    * Structures
    * Surveying
    * Sustainability
    * Water Engineering & Fluid Mechanics

* Other possible areas of interest
    * Assessment Issues
    * Fees & Field Courses
    * ILP involvement
    * JBM Visits
    * RAE
        * Further Suggestions?

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* Free agenda

* Appreciate suggestions for future Conference/HoD Meeting themes

* A4 side of bullet point feedback on discussions

* Please sign up to sessions over lunch

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