

## **PROFESSOR AND POSTGRADUATES DO UKZN AND SOUTH AFRICA PROUD AT WORLD BUILDING CONGRESS!**

Professor Haupt and three of his cohort of postgraduate students recently attended World Building Congress 2016 (CIB16) under the auspices of the International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction (CIB) held in Tampere, Finland. Apart from Prof Haupt being involved with CIB Board activities in his capacity as Regional Director: CIB Sub-Saharan Africa during the CIB16, the students presented four rigorously reviewed papers, titled:

- Industry Practitioners Quality Perceptions of Built Environment Graduates at Entry Level in the South African Construction Industry;
- An Analysis of Student Experiences at South African University Construction Programmes;
- Lean Project Management During The Construction Phase Of South African Public Sector Projects; and
- BIM for Infrastructure Sustainability In Developing Countries: The Case Of Ethiopia.

When they were not presenting papers, the group were networking with international experts in their respective areas of research. Ephraim Zulu used the opportunity to set up a panel of construction education experts for the Delphi phase of his study. Denamo Addissie engaged with several members of his panel of infrastructure design and sustainability experts to improve the response rate of the panel to iterations of his survey. Elke Hefer moved beyond her research area to introduce herself to experts in Building Information Modeling which will be her future focus for her Ph D at UKZN when she completes her current Masters degree study into the contribution of the South African construction health and safety legislative and regulatory to the overall cost of construction. According to Prof Haupt, the Congress provided 'an unparalleled opportunity to engage with the world's best researchers in the built environment and develop new research interests.' Prof Haupt claimed that 'the students learnt a lot and did UKZN, South Africa and themselves proud as excellent ambassadors.'

More than 350 papers were delivered at the Congress apart from several keynote addresses on cutting edge research by leading international authorities. There is clear benefit to all institutions from joining CIB and becoming part of the global building and construction research community.

