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OPEN**

## Interview with a member of the Organizing Committee: Petteri Palviainen

### **How has InfraBIM Open evolved over the years?**

When the conference was held for the first time, the direction was clear, but organizing was quite laborious. We knew people were interested in the subject, but we weren't sure how much. We only had to start somewhere. And here we are: last year we had 530 participants from 25 different countries!

When compared to the early days of the event, the collaboration with RIL has brought professionalism to the organization of the event. Also, concept has become clearer.

The content and profile of the event have remained roughly the same. The event is not a marketing event, nor a fair, but an expert conference. The event is also a great networking event and we have received good feedback from the visitors as well.

### **How has OpenBIM evolved?**

OpenBIM has been very successful worldwide lately. BuildingSMART International emphasizes openness, and there is more talk of openBIM in the world than closed BIM. BIM in infrastructure has grown massively over the last three years. Three years ago, people wondered what infrastructure information modeling could be. There was a lot of talk about skill structures and bridges and hard concrete structures, and BIM and IFC in them. It is now known that BIM in infrastructure includes railways, motorways, streets, ports and major regional projects, not to mention utilities and distribution networks. It is recognized what information management really means in infrastructure projects.

Spirit of infraBIM Open has really been OpenBIM which was a great surprise for us already in first event. You can feel the transparency and people are sharing their experiences very openly. And this is how openBIM works.

### **Why attend this year's event?**

The event is extensive and links the entire construction chain. The event will feature an extensive coverage of the infra and civil engineering sectors.

The construction aspect is the most difficult part. The design aspect is linked to the construction aspect but also to property management. The presentations also cover the modeling of source data.

In previous years, for example, utilities and distribution networks BIM hasn't been part of the program of the conference, but now also such is included.

We wanted presentations that present not only success stories but also challenges and problems. We want the conference to be an introduction to honest use cases.