

Newsletter: Innovation-driven Collaboration and a Design Competition

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the **Faculty of Creative & Cultural Industries** at the University of Portsmouth and the Hampshire-based company **C6(n) Technology Ltd** was recently signed with the aim for innovative R&D collaboration. C6(n) is using carbon-fibre based structures for modular light-weight event pavilions that are in use at events and exhibitions across Europe and the UK. The MoU outlines the agreement to design and develop new modular prefabricated event structures, a project led by Professor Steffen Lehmann from the Cluster of Sustainable Cities with colleagues from different faculties: Dr Hom N. Dhakal, a material expert and senior lecturer in the Faculty of Technology; and Mr Roberto Braglia, a senior lecturer in the School of Architecture (CCi). The MoU establishes a collaborative programme based on the recognition that such University-Industry research collaboration is of very high importance to all stakeholders. The Chairman of C6(n) Technology, Michael Hall said: "This collaboration with the University of Portsmouth's Faculty of Creative and Cultural Industries is an exciting new initiative we are very much looking forward to engaging in over the next year. Our business is rapidly growing and we are interested to work with some of the most innovative people in this field to deliver even better carbon-fibre structures for our clients." Dr Steffen Lehmann, Professor of Sustainable Architecture, said: "It's excellent news that we have found such an innovation-driven business partner in C6(n) Technology that will allow us to contribute in a meaningful way and work on the sustainability and design aspects of these temporary structures, which is a great challenge for all involved and will deliver hands-on learning for our students."

Attached photo (from left to right):

Prof Steffen Lehmann, Mr Charlie Hall, Mr Michael Hall, Mr Roberto Braglia from CCi.



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