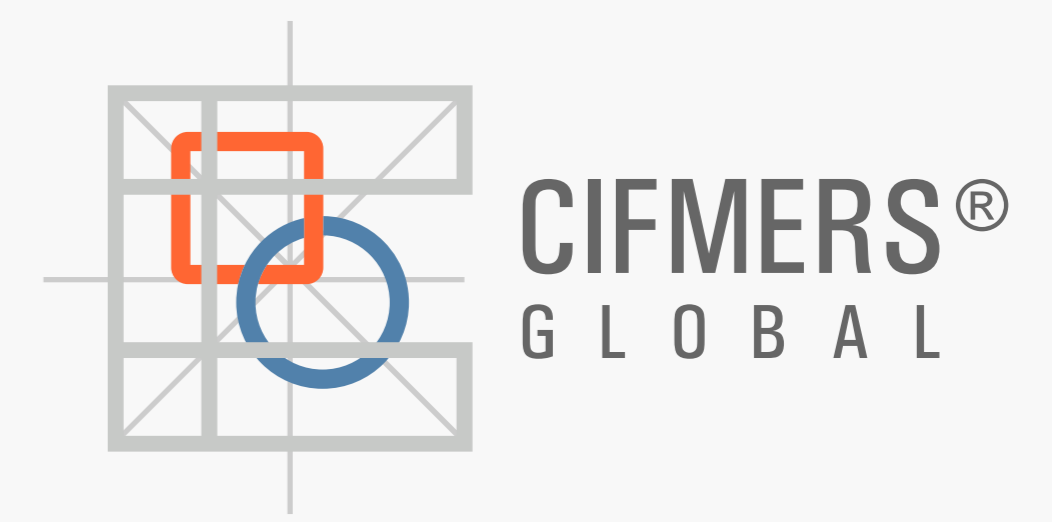




Interview with:

Ian Gelling

Director of The ARCHIBUS Foundation



Today we interview Ian Gelling, Director of The ARCHIBUS Foundation, one of the sponsors in the EFMC, to share with us his vision on Facility Management.

1.- What is the ARCHIBUS Foundation?

The ARCHIBUS Foundation is an organization set up by ARCHIBUS, Inc. to help represent stakeholders in our industry. By networking with technology experts we look to promote education, research and the creation of opportunities through the provision of technology grants and educational initiatives.

2.- Why is this Important To The FM Industry?

Our industry is increasing in its dynamism and we need to attract and retain talent as a priority. We believe that technology plays a fundamental part in this. Although there are obvious exceptions Real Estate and Facilities Management as industries are not really renowned for being early adopters. New entrants to the industry have expectations around technology and these are mirrored by the demands placed on these candidates by organisations.

3.- How are you achieving this?

An important part of our strategy is our technology Educational Grant Program. Through this program we look to support real estate, infrastructure and facility management training in educational institutions. We will encourage the development of applications, training, curriculum, and research programs, by making available the use of software.

We believe that the wider community, assisted and led by the likes of the ARCHIBUS Foundation, Professional Associations and those involved in Education and Research, can drive improvement through technology. An awareness of what we can achieve through technology must be developed at an early stage.

4.- You will participate in the next EFMC in Sofia as a sponsor, why did you decide to participate and what do you expect of the event?

ARCHIBUS has been associated strongly EuroFM with EFMC for many years. With the advent of the ARCHIBUS Foundation we felt it to be very important that this new ARCHIBUS initiative be visible to the whole community, and the topic of Wellness fits nicely with our community aspirations. It also gives us the opportunity to introduce the new LOOF portal initiative, sponsored by EuroFM and The ARCHIBUS Foundation

In terms of expectation we look forward to the usual great networking, informative session, and the gaining of insight to the industry in a forward looking part of the world.