Congratulations! Prof. Albert CHAN is appointed by the Swedish Research Council Formas (http://www.formas.se/en/) to be an expert review member in the Built Environment panel.

Formas is a governmental research-funding agency in Sweden that supports basic- and applied research within the areas of environment, agricultural sciences and spatial planning (www.formas.se).

The evaluation and ranking of applications is performed by a peer review system, where approximately 150 reviewers around the world will be assigned to one of the eight evaluation panels (15-20 researchers per panel) to appraise and rank the applications. Other panels include: climate change, the natural environment, use of natural resources, resource efficient products and processes, environmental pollution, food and animal welfare, urban and rural development. Following these evaluations a prioritized list will be presented to the Formas Research Council to decide on the awarding of project grants. The panels comprise both active researchers (with researchers in majority) and stakeholders to assess the scientific quality and potential societal value of the applications. Below are some examples of problem areas evaluated within the panel of the Built Environment:

· Energy- and resource efficiency in new and existing buildings
· Sustainable planning, construction, and facilities management process
· Good indoor environment regarding health and comfort
· Environmental impacts from buildings and districts
· The user’s values and needs
· System aspects – architecture, technology, function, economy, behavior
· Integration of environmental aspects and sustainable development in the building sector

Prof. CHAN will be flying to Stockholm for a number of panel meetings in 2013.

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