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Above: The updated AIA London/UK Homepage

The Web Page Revisited

The AIA London/UK homepage has been updated and a complex structure of information and related webpage links are to be completed shortly.

The website will soon offer; news featuring the current copy of the newsletter and links to other related sites; programmes featuring the UK's and National's calendars of events, member services featuring

continuing education, information membership and employment opportunities, directory services featuring listings of members and firms (with the opportunity to have links directly to members' and firms' websites!) – and much more.

Visit our new homepage at our *new* address www.archinet.co.uk/aialondon/index.htm and watch for future website updates.

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Terrence M. McDermott, Hon. AIA

As the departure of our Executive Vice President/CEO nears, our President begins the search for his replacement.

Following is a statement from President Barr-Kumar outlining this process.

'Terry McDermott, our much admired and effective EVP/CEO, will be leaving the AIA as of July 1, 1997 to assume a similar role at the National

Association of Realtors in Chicago, Illinois.

The AIA Board, officers, and I wish him every success in his role and thank him for his major contributions to AIA over the three and a half years he will have spent with us. The AIA is a much stronger, more effective professional society today and we are well prepared for the challenges and opportunities of the future.

I want to assure you that I will undertake the critical task of the search for a new

CEO with the greatest care and thoughtfulness. I will appoint a special Executive Search Task Force shortly, with involvement and input from the Executive Committee.

Terry McDermott will be very involved in this process as part of that committee and will offer us every assistance possible beyond July 1st, if necessary. We have a very strong and dedicated National staff so we may take all the time necessary to ensure that we make best possible decision.

We will miss him greatly, but he will remain on the AAF Board of Regents, as he has since 1987.'

Raj-Barr-Kumar FAIA, RIBA

Models for Display

Take advantage of this marketing opportunity and display a model of your work at the upcoming Garden Party! Please contact Steven Steimer at ssteimer@lon.rtkl.com or by fax 0171-306-0405.

Message from the President

Just when you thought you had read the last about elections, you are asked to think about AIA national elections. New officers will be elected in May at the annual convention in New Orleans, and several of the candidates have written to the chapter seeking our five votes.

What is noticeable about all of the "manifestos" is the complete absence of any

reference to international practice. It's not surprising, then, that this chapter's board has not taken a position on which candidates to support. I am going to New Orleans, along with Stephan Reinke, to focus the candidates' attention on our concerns in the caucus sessions. We will be looking for a commitment to reciprocity and to programs that advance worldwide practice.

One program in particular that we will be discussing is the proposed national TV advertising campaign. The

chapter's board endorses the idea so long as our dues assessment will pay for ads to appear in international television slots as well.

In other matters, we are now at the point of establishing the chapter as a limited company, which will lower our insurance costs. Berwin & Leighton, our silent Corporate Sponsor by virtue of advising us on legal matters, has been pursuing charitable status for the chapter over the past four years.

This is the same status enjoyed by RIBA, but the Charities Commission has not seen the parallel. David Dennison, our principal advisor, says that the new status will not prejudice our case as we continue to pursue charity status.

There will be several activities coming up in the next few months. You are welcome at all of the board meetings which tend to be livelier than you might expect and give you a chance to see the offices of some of the larger firms in London.

The July Garden Party will be held on July 3rd at the Orangery in Holland Park. RTKL is organising the evening and is looking for models to display during the event. If you'd like to exhibit, contact Steven Steimer or Gary Gordon on 0171-306-0405 to make arrangements now.

On September 1, Raj Barr-Kumar, current AIA President, will be the featured speaker at an AIA/RIBA evening at the RIBA. The theme will be American architecture, but the story of

this night is the growing cooperation between the RIBA and the AIA. I hope that you will plan now to attend.

Justine Kingham

Calling All Members!

We welcome and appreciate involvement from Members in the AIA's activities and events. For more details regarding the programme of your choice, contact Steven Steimer by email: ssteimer@lon.rtkl.com or by fax 0171-306-0404.

Chapter Board Meetings

Members are encouraged to attend the Chapter Board Meetings. The meetings commence at 6.30pm and following are the 1997 dates and locations:

June 4: RTKL, 196 Tottenham Court Road, London, W1.

July 2: HOK, Kent House, 14-17 Market Place, London, W1.

August 6: Gensler & Associates, Roman House, Wood Street, London, EC2.

September 3: ORMS Architect Designers, 1 Pine Street, London, EC1.

October 1: Christopher Smallwood Architects, 79 Lots Road, London, SW10.

November 5: SOM, 46 Berkeley Street, London, W1.

December 3: Turner & Townsend, 10 Bedford Street, London, WC2.



Above: Keynote speaker Jose Luis Mateo and Seminar Coordinator Dominique Tomasov enjoying themselves in Barcelona

AIA Continental Europe Seminar

Barcelonians take their city and its architecture seriously as was shown in April at a series of successful seminars hosted by the Col-Legi D'Arquitectes de Catalunya, the official body which represents architecture throughout Catalonia, and the AIA's Continental Europe chapter.

Many lectures highlighted the creation of small public spaces starting in the early 1980s, then moved on to the development of infrastruc-

ture, public housing, sports facilities and other topics.

Jose Luis Mateo spoke of his experiences outside of Spain. How one domesticities urban spaces built to the scale of pre-War Berlin was one of the challenges he shared.

The Continental Europe chapter will be co-hosting another seminar in Prague on 26-28 Sept, and London/UK chapter members are invited. Contact Steven Miller in Prague at 00-42-02-24-00-922-69 or by fax at 00-42-02-24-00-92-89.



What is AIA/CES?

CES is a continuing education system emphasising learning developed by the

AIA to record professional learning as a mandatory requirement for architect membership. It enables the architect to keep current, master new knowledge and skills, plan for the future, and responsibly meet the role society entrusts to a professional. The AIA/CES is designed to assist architects in maintaining their competence and achieving their professional goals. In doing so, it has the potential to be one of the primary forces in the improvement and revitalisation of the profession.

Architect members of the AIA can earn LU's by two basic methods; self directed personal learning activities and programs by CES External Providers. This flexibility allows any member to accumulate LU's by attending AIA chapter activities which meet CES criteria, individual self-study on advanced management principles or researching to prepare a lecture.

Calculating Units

Members calculate LU's by multiplying the number of

hours spent in architecture-related learning times the quality level of that activity. Learning quality levels differentiate quantity of learning time and quality of the learning experience. The CES defines three levels:

- **Level 1** (passive) learning is any appropriate activity that has a professional purpose and professional resources including, but certainly not limited to, reading, product analysis and lecture attendance.

- **Level 2** (interactive) learning includes Level 1 and provides significant opportunities for participants to interact with each other and the learning resources.

- **Level 3** includes Level 2 and incorporates measurements or feedback concerning the learning progress of participants.

Any combination of Level 1, 2 or 3 programs are valid to meet the 36 LU requirement. For example, 36 LU's may be achieved by 36 hours of

Level 1 activities, 18 hours of Level 2 activities or 12 hours of Level 3 activities. A third of the annual continuing education requirement (12 LU's) must be in health, safety and welfare (HSW) topics. CES defines HSW as those topics consistent with the general areas of knowledge addressed by NCARB's Architects Registration Examination (ARE). Effective January 1, 1996, the AIA/CES required that LU's in the HSW area equal a minimum of eight contact hours.

HSW Defined

Health: Aspects of architecture that have salutary effects among users of buildings or sites and addresses environmental issues. Examples would be appropriate air temperature, humidity and quality; adequate provisions for personal hygiene; and nontoxic materials or finishes.

Safety: Aspects of architecture intended to limit or prevent accidental injury or death among users of buildings or sites. Examples

would be the provisions of fire-rated egress enclosures, automatic sprinkler systems, and stair with correct rise-to-run proportions.

Welfare: Aspects of architecture that engender positive emotional responses among, or enable equal access by, users of buildings or sites. Examples would be spaces whose scale, proportions, materials, and colour are pleasing for the intended use; spaces that effort natural light and views of nature; and provisions for users with disabilities.

Recording and Registering Units

For self-learning activities, individual members will complete and mail the standard completion form to the AIA/CES record keeping centre. For activities from registered CES External Providers, the provider is responsible for returning the standard completion form to the AIA/CES. Members may check on their own CES record at any time via AIA OnLine.

Units Offered in London

There are currently 19 learning units offered through AIA chapter events; six from the Solomon Brothers 'Offices for the Millennium' event, the Ben Franklin event and from the Professional/Brick Seminar. One learning unit may be earned from the RIBA Nite, An Evening of American Architecture with President Raj Barr-Kumar as a keynote speaker. Watch the Events section for further details and new additions.

CES Providers

Don't forget there are two registered Continuing Education Providers in the UK, the AIA and the RIBA! You must fill out all forms provided at each event and give them to the event co-ordinator to receive credit!

Also, two learning units per month may be earned by simply taking the one page test in the back of each month's *Architectural Record* magazine and then sending in the provided form!

Architectural Record Magazine

Architectural Record magazine has appointed Thomas Vonier, AIA, as their new European correspondent. He requests that **AIA London/UK** members regularly send him announcements of news, projects and events from their firms. Thomas Vonier, AIA, Correspondent, *Architectural Record*, 52/54, rue du Docteur Blanche, F-75016 Paris, France. E-mail: **76646.1100@compuserve.com**.

Events

Everyone mark your calendars now with the following 'not to be missed' chapter events!

July 9: Solomon Brothers Seminar 'Offices for the Millennium' (6 AIA LU's). Telephone Stephan Reinke on 0171-636-2006.

July 3: Garden Party, The Orangery, Holland Park. Telephone Steven Steimer on 0171-306-0404.

August TBA: Barbeque.

Sept 1: RIBA Nite An Evening of American Archi-

ecture with guest speaker Raj Barr-Kumar, FAIA, RIBA. (1 AIA LU). Telephone Jonathan Dinnewell on 0171-376-5744.

October TBA: Ben Franklin event. (6 AIA LU's).

November 1: Design Charette. Telephone Robert Schmidt on 0171-930-9711.

November TBA: Professional/Brick Seminar. (6 AIA LU's).

December TBA: Design Awards, a black tie event, details to be announced.

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New and Transfer Members

The AIA London/UK warmly welcomes the following members to our chapter. We hope to greet you personally at our upcoming events:

New Members

Phillip Tefft
Jan Pietrzak
Erick Tomich
Peter Ching

Transfer Members

Gary Clark
Robert Cousins
Robert Fry
Cheung Chin Hang Terence
Helen Logan
Daniel Lonergan
Stephen Newbold
Alex Rimmer
Leanne Toler
Lynn Wang
Mark Weintraub
Madeline Lee
Andrew Garardi

Upcoming Events

Harvard University Graduate School of Design Professional Development Courses for Summer 1997

Courses covering architecture, landscape architecture, interior design, real estate development, urban design, land-use planning and construction commence mid-July. These courses run from one day to one week.

Contact Harvard University at 617-495-1680 or pd@grd.harvard.edu.

AIA/ACSA Practice Education Summer Institute's 'Changing Frameworks of Practice and Education', Montana State University, Boleman MT, August 8-12. Contact Elliot A. Pavlos, Director Education Programs at the AIA. Telephone 202-626-7358 or email pavlose@aiaorg.

Website of Interest

The address is: <http://www.ahip.getty.edu/aka/aka-form-pub.html> is a listing of the Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals.