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Terry Farrell at the Charrette last Autumn

Terry Farrell Elected Hon. FAIA

The College of Fellows of the AIA elected Terry Farrell an Honorary Fellow this spring, and will present the award at the national convention in May in San Francisco. Terry is one of only seven Fellows to be recognised this year. The honour is granted to those architects of esteemed character and distinguished achievements who are neither US citizens nor residents of the United States and who do not practice architecture within the United States. The other honourees are Zhang Qinnan and Luo Ziaowei of China, Detlef Schreiber of Germany, Masao Shiina of Japan, Eva Matsuzaki of Canada and Ismael Mario Rodriguez Garcia of Mexico. They are entitled to use the designation "Hon. FAIA" after their names. In the history of the AIA, there have been only 402 Honorary Fellows elected to membership.

The College also elevated 94 AIA members to Fellowship for contributions of national significance to the profession. These members will now use the initials FAIA after their name. Of a total AIA membership of more than 62,000, there are fewer than 2,300 AIA members who are Fellows.

Reciprocity Talks Continue

NCARB has invited representatives from the RIBA, ARB and the Joint Validation Panel in the UK to go to Washington, DC in either late May or early June to conduct meetings related to the

reinstatement of a reciprocity agreement between the US and the UK. Although details of the meeting have not been announced, the US participants are likely to be the AIA, NCARB and NAAB. The agenda will probably include academic reciprocity as well as licensing reciprocity.

David Rock to be Honoured at Convention

Ron Altoon, President of the AIA, has bestowed The Presidential Medal on David Rock, President of RIBA. This newly created AIA award recognises the important role that Rock has filled in advancing the objectives of the RIBA and the contributions that he has made toward collaboration between the AIA and the RIBA. The medal will be presented to Rock at the AIA convention in May.

What's On the Boards Now

The chapter is launching a series of open houses at several London firms so that members and their guests can visit other offices and see work in progress. Due to confidentiality agreements, some of the studio space (or, in some cases, all of it) may be off limits. But the work that is on-going will be made available to leaf through, and staff will be there to answer professional questions. This is a great opportunity to soak up the ambience of a firm and to meet people who work in that office. It is a social and collegial evening, including refreshments.

The first host will be Gensler at Roman House, Wood Street, London, on April 29th between 6:00-8:00. The next host will be Swanke Hayden Connell at their new offices, 25 Christopher Street, London EC2 2BS on June 18 between 6:00-8:00. It would help with the overall planning if you would please RSVP to 0171-730-8922 (messages) or e-mail Steven_Steimer@gensler.com or walker@shca.com for Gensler and Swanke, respectively.



London/UK and Continental Europe chapters shared the MIPIM space. Stephen Yakeley meets Continental Europe Chapter colleague, Charles Croigny.

AIA Members Exhibit at MIPIM

"Better than last year," said one chapter member who attended MIPIM, the international developer trade show in Nice. The AIA has provided display space at the event for the last three years to members who want to display a limited portfolio of their work. Attendance this year was up ten to fifteen percent according to the organisers of the event. Another chapter participant said that he had "seen more Londoners in three hours than I have in the last three months." Few who have exhibited at the event expected the event to produce specific commissions, although Stephan Yakeley reports that he did meet someone at the show two years ago who became a client. The point of MIPIM is the exposure

and the opportunity to make contacts throughout the industry. This year, RIBA offered its members an opportunity to exhibit at MIPIM via WordSearch, however, participants were charged several thousand pounds.

Hiko Takeda Honoured



Hiko Takeda was recognised by the International Practice PIA of the AIA and by the London/UK chapter for his contributions to education in the UK. He has been adjunct professor of the University of Nebraska's 5th year architecture program in the UK for more than ten years. HOK hosted a luncheon in March which featured Dean Cecil Steward of the University of Nebraska honouring Hiko and presenting him with a certificate acknowledging his service to education. Steward is a former president of the AIA and was instrumental in the early formation of the UK chapter. Hiko is a principal in Kump & Takeda Architects and was one of the founding members of the UK chapter. The picture at the left shows Hiko, facing camera, at a chapter AGM.

Why Should the AIA Advertise on National Television?

One of the issues that the chapter will vote on at the convention is whether or not to endorse the proposed national television advertising campaign. In the past, the chapter board of directors has taken the view that, were we in the USA, we would probably support the initiative. Being in the UK, however, we do not see value for our money as the campaign is not currently planned to include international media.

What are your views? Go to <http://www.aiaonline.com> and click on the e-architect icon to review the research, view the television concepts and e-mail your feedback before the AIA convention this mid-May. Only full AIA members will be assessed any extra money to pay for the campaign.

Visit Lisbon Expo '98 in London

Steven Spier of South Bank University will give a slide presentation and overview of Lisbon Expo '98 on 19 May from 7:00-8:30 at the offices of Skidmore Owings and Merrill. Peter Lill of SOM and Craig Colclasure of UrbaCon Developments will then speak in more detail about a few of the buildings on the site. The Utopia Pavilion will be discussed as will the Vasco da Gama tower and the World Trade Centre. Please RSVP to Bob Schmidt, SOM, 46 Berkeley Street, London W1X 6NT, fax 0171-930-9108, or e-mail Robert.Schmidt@SOM.com. There is a limit of 30 people and a charge of £3 per person, payable at the door. The event will qualify for learning units.

Most Members Satisfy '97 Continuing Education Requirement

In the year since requiring continuing education as a condition of membership, the AIA finds that 97 percent of its members are participating in the program. Meanwhile, the University of

Oklahoma, which is responsible for keeping the AIA records, reports that they are "completely current" in recording learning units for each member. "It is even more impressive," says AIA Group Vice President for Education Janet White, FAIA, "when you consider that records for the first six weeks of this year indicate one third, or approximately 20,000 AIA members, have already completed their 1998 continuing education requirement."

To facilitate distance learning, the AIA has created a division within its Education Department to put courses on the Internet using AIA Online and by broadcasting the workshops of the national convention in May.

Tax Deductible Vacations Offered by Architectural Tour Company

Architects Abroad, Inc. is offering a 9 or 13-day tour of Japan from October 29-November 13 with a 3-day post-tour option to visit Hong Kong. The group will go to Tokyo, Kyoto, Nara and Osaka and visit projects by Kenzo Tange, Fumihiko Maki, Kisho Kurokawa, Tadao Ando, Itsuko Hasegawa and others. Maki will speak to the group about architecture, and Kazuo Shinohara will present his own work.

Other elements of the tour will focus on urban planning and landscape design. The all-inclusive tour qualifies for learning units and costs from \$2,730. Other tours are available to Berlin in July, Spain in September, Thailand in December and Australia in March 1999. Contact Architects Abroad in California, -001-800-272-8808, by fax at 001-415-955-2754 or by e-mail at info@arctour.com.

Arbitration Anyone?

The Education Committee would like to know if there is any interest in an hour-long evening seminar on arbitration. Contact Heather Hilburn at 0181-533-9630.

Mansion House Banquet in April

The Worshipful Company of Chartered Architects will hold its annual livery banquet in the presence of the Rt. Hon. The Lord Mayor on Thursday, 30 April at 7:00. The Rt. Hon. Lord Kingsdown, formerly known as Sir Robin Leigh-Pemberton and Governor of the Bank of England, will be the principal speaker. Tickets are £67.50 each, and are available from Noel Hill, tel. and fax 0171-435-2462, e-mail: nehilarcht@aol.com.

King Represents Chapter at Lisbon Conference

Lorraine Dale King, chapter treasurer, will be our representative at the bi-annual meeting of the Continental Europe chapter. The meeting takes place in Lisbon on May 1-3, and will concentrate on Expo '98. It will include a tour of Expo sites and the historic district. The program was organised by Mario de Sampaio and Ray Spano, who were assisted by Alan Schwartzman. If you are interested in also attending and earning up to 25 learning units, contact Tom Vonier tel. and fax +33-1-40-50-62-23.

Architectural Study Tours to Denmark to begin in September

Building upon Denmark's international reputation for modern design, a series of professional study tours have been organised by Study Denmark, a non-profit agency formed by the Danish government and private tourism groups. The first study tour will be conducted 4-16 September.

The itinerary touches all periods of Denmark's architectural history from Viking forts to medieval cathedrals and modern classics like Arhus Town Hall by Arne Jacobsen. Seminars will focus on housing design with visits to both public and private residential developments, as well as on urban regeneration with tours of renovated districts and adapted historic structures. A Danish architect will accompany the group, and tours will be led by the architects involved in the project. More information is available at www.study.dk and by e-mail at info@study.dk. Contact Egil Fosse in the States at 800-223-4664 or fax 516-877-1773.

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Judy Nyquist Moves Back to USA

Judy Nyquist, the chapter's first executive secretary and reliable organiser during the first days of the chapter's founding, has moved to Texas with her husband, Scott, and their children, Sarah, Jake and Jessica. Her new address is 1527 Kirby Drive, Houston, Texas 77019. Tel 713-874-1105 or fax 713-874-1127.

Workshop on Bio-Tech Architecture Planned for Malta in June

Bio-Tech architecture is a new concept in responsive architecture combining global technologies with local responses. It uses advanced computer-based techniques to create tailor-made buildings which adapt to changing climatic conditions and user behaviour. The workshop begins with an introduction to basic principles, followed by studies of particular cases and teaching techniques. Speakers are Mario Cucinella, Brian Ford, Andrew Hall and Chris Abel.

AIA members may earn 64 learning units. The cost is \$950 including hotel, most meals and the course. Register by 30 April, or contact Jean Killick in Malta, fax +356-230-538, tel. +356-234-121/2 or e-mail jkil@arts.um.edu.mt.

EVENTS

- April 29:** Gensler Open House, Roman House, Wood Street London, 6-8pm
May 14-17: National AIA Convention, San Francisco. Free registration, but contact AIA in the States for registration forms, +202-626-7395. Innumerable learning units available.
May 19: Slide Presentation of Expo '98 Architecture, SOM, 46 Berkeley Street, London, 7-8:30, qualifies for learning units.
June 18 Swanke Hayden Connell Open House, 25 Christopher Street, London, 6-8pm

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