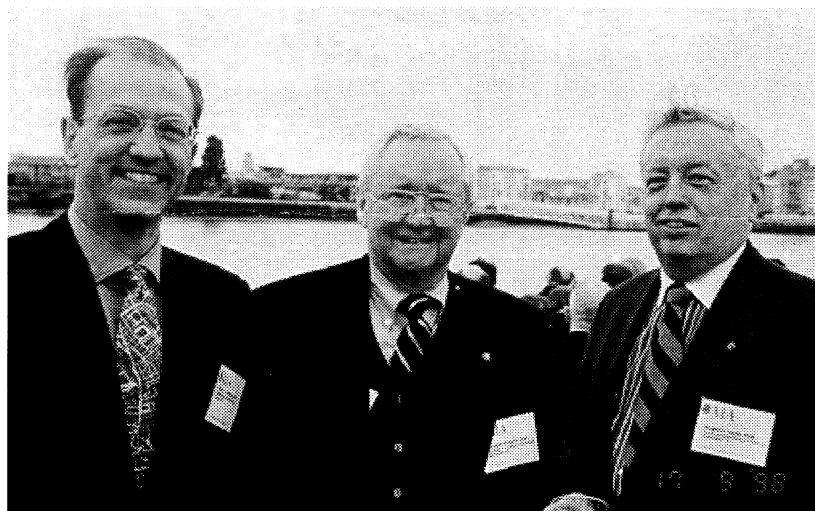
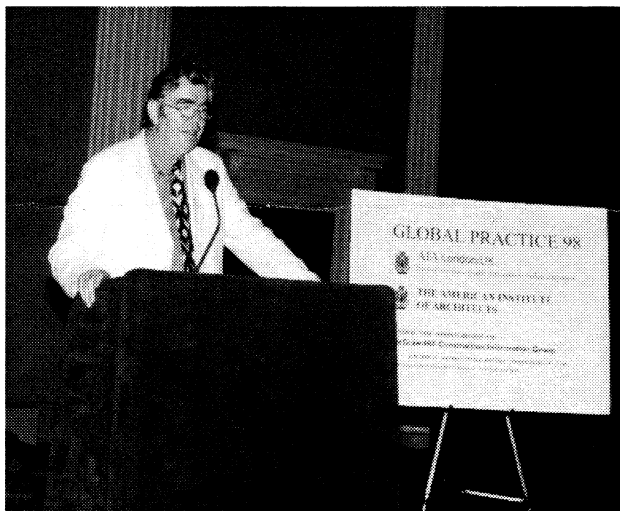


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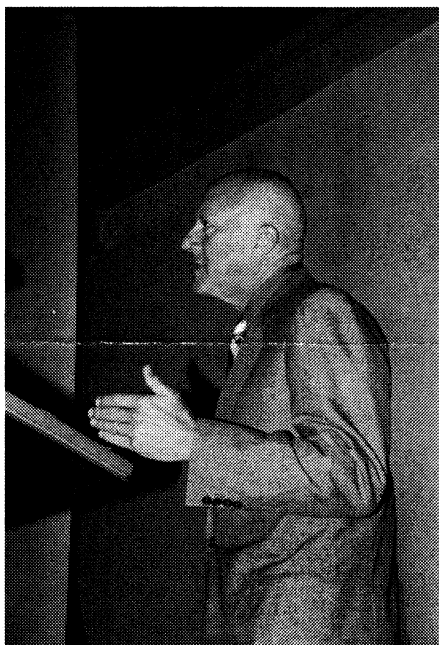
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PIA International Committee's Autumn Conference



Above: Terry Farrell, Hon FAIA, during his speech at the Whitehall Banqueting Palace for the Conference's closing event
Right: Robert Schmidt, AIA, President of the AIA London/UK Chapter, James Scheeler, AIA, Resident Fellow, International Relations and Russell Keune, AIA, Director of International Relations, enjoy the Boat Tour on the River Thames



Sir Norman Foster during his keynote speech

The Professional Interest Area International Committee's Autumn Conference, hosted by the London/UK Chapter was an overwhelming success. The conference took place on September 16 through September 19 and was attended by 187 delegates from sixteen different coun-

tries and sixteen different States from the US. The conference theme was 'Global Practice from an International Centre'. Presentations were made by 28 different speakers covering a broad range of views and opinions on international architectural practice. The conference began with a keynote speech by Sir Norman Foster who illustrated the international influence on his design in a compelling 40-minute talk. The morning's seminars featured presentations from representatives of both large firms and small firms practicing in London and on the Continent.

On the second morning, the conference moved to the RIBA Headquarters on Portland Place. Among the many discussions were presentations made by the AIA National President, Ronald Altoon, FAIA and Dr. Alex Reid, Director General of the RIBA. Representatives from the UIA and ACE brought delegates up to date on these international architectural organisations' activities. The day's seminars closed with a 'Presi-

dent's Panel' that included our Chapter President, Bob Schmidt, and Continental Europe Chapter President, Don O'Neill. The final day of the conference resumed at the RSA on Saturday morning and included a seminar on international interiors. The day concluded with a lively discussion presented by a panel of prominent architectural journalists. The afternoon activities on each of the three seminar days were filled with tours of London landmarks including the Millennium Dome, Canary Wharf and a boat tour on the River Thames.

The closing event of the conference was a dinner at the Whitehall Banqueting House attended by delegates and chapter guests. The evening's address was presented by Terry Farrell, the chapter's most recent Honary Fellow of the AIA. Many thanks are extended to all chapter members who assisted in making the conference a success and a particular thank you to Karen Whittle, Chapter Executive, for her many long hours.

Pedestrian Links to be Subject of Design Charette

In association with Call Print, the London/UK Chapter invites you to their Fourth Annual Student / Professional Design Charette. The theme of this year's charette is Pedestrian Links. The day's efforts will be focused on a site in the Docklands.

This event gives students the opportunity to work beside practicing architects and planners and to meet fellow students from throughout the country.

Professionals should consider leading a team of architecture students or establishing their own office team for this day of open creativity.

You will earn 24 Learning Units towards your continuing education requirement.

Working as teams you will be asked to consider the joining of public spaces, prepare massing studies and open space strategies, and to establish appropriate pedestrian experiences through spatial linkage. The day will finish with an open jury session featuring guest critics **Cedric Price**, Cedric Price Architect, **Paul Finch**, editor of the AJ, **Chris Wilkinson**, Chris Wilkinson Architects, **Bob Phelan**, Canary Wharf Contractors Ltd, and **Steve Jolly**, Call Print.

DATE: Saturday, 7 November 98 - 9:00 am - 6:00 p.m.

VENUE: Cabot Hall, Canary Wharf London (Canary Wharf station, Docklands Light Railway)

Lunch and refreshments provided

REGISTRATION: £5 per Student; £10 per Professional;
Reservations on a first come first serve basis

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Pedestrians at Canary Wharf during September's PIA Conference in front of one of the winning projects of the 1997 Excellence in Design Award.

Enter Design Competition by January 15th

Entries for the London/UK Chapter's fifth annual Excellence In Design Awards competition are due by 15 January 1999. The awards program recognises and honours excellence in architectural design:

- By UK-based architects for projects anywhere in the world,
- By architects anywhere in the world for projects in the UK, or
- By UK-based students for projects in the UK.

Eligible projects may be structures, buildings or groups of either. Project type is not limited to new-build architecture. Rehabilitation, interior and monument designs are also welcome, and there will be awards in multiple categories.

Projects may be built or un-built work. They must be the work of licensed architects and have been designed between 1 January 1993 and 31 December 1998.

Any eligible architect or practice may submit any number of eligible entries so long as each is submitted separately with a fee of £25.00.

Architecture students may submit studio projects provided they are enrolled in an architectural program at the time of the submittal. Student entries will be free of charge.

Recipients of awards or commendations in the past three years include:

- 1995: Nicholas Grimshaw & Partners / Nabil Fanous Architects;
- 1996: Richen et Robert Architectes / Sauerbruch Hutton Architekten / David Moreley Architects;
- 1997: Chris Wilkinson Architects / Ian Ritchie Architects / Paskin Kyriakides Sands / Fosters and Partners / Rick Mather Architects.

This year's jurists will be **David Nelson**, Chairman (Foster and Partners), **Nigel Coates** (Branson Coates Architecture Ltd), **Karen Cook** (Kohn Pedersen Fox), **Steven Hodder** (Hodder Associates), and **Rick Mather** (Rick Mather Architects).

The sole judging criteria will be design excellence. The jury is empowered to define the extent to which excellence is determined by aesthetic, social or functional characteristics. Its decisions will be based on material submitted; no field trips will be taken.

Detailed submittal requirements are available from HOK International Limited, Kent House, 14-17 Market Place, London W1N 7AJ. All communications must be clearly labelled "AIA Design Awards." Alternatively, you can contact Lorraine King, AIA, tel: 0171 592 9562, fax: 0171-592 9566, email: lorraine_king@msn.com.

AIA/RIBA Members Evening in December

Fred Koetter of Koetter Kim and Associates will be speaking on the subject of urban design with illustrations from his recent work at this year's joint RIBA/AIA members evening. The meeting will take place at the RIBA, 66 Portland Place, W1 on Monday, 7 December, at 6.30pm.

The restaurant at the RIBA will be open for dinner after the talk, so why not seize the opportunity to meet fellow members and make new friends at this great pre-Christmas event. For further details contact Jonathan Dinnewell - Tel: 0171 376 5744, Fax: 0171 376 3471.

How is the AIA Representing Overseas Members?

AIA Federal Affairs is devoting a larger portion of its resources to monitoring and advocating international trade and relations issues affecting architects. GATT and NAFTA and the possibility of passing Fast-Track legislation during the 1998 legislative session have dominated the international legislative discussions so far.

The AIA supports trade agreements that encourage open boundaries and free flow of products and services. The Fast-Track legislation will allow trade to increase with countries that have been wary of congressional influence and protectionism on trade.

The AIA is also interested in decreasing the taxes on income earned overseas by Americans (Section 911 of the US tax code), and advocating the appropriation of moneys for the Export-Import Bank, the Trade Development Agency, the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and other funding programs housed by the World Bank.

It will advocate Fast-Track legislation and speak out against the use of unilateral sanctions as a foreign

policy tool. If another tax cut is provided for in the next tax agreement, AIA also will be advocating a further reduction in taxes for income earned overseas.

Need Reference Materials?

You can now order publications from the International Conference of Building Officials (ICBO) directly online via <http://www.e-architect.com/resources/icbo>. Featured items include 1997 Uniform Building Code on CD-ROM, Fire Resistive Design Manual (Gypsum Manual), 15th Ed., and the 1997 Plan Review Manual. Publications are printed in looseleaf and soft cover versions.

Browse the AIA/Rizzoli Bookstore (<http://www.aiabooks.com>) and take advantage of special AIA member discounts on hundreds of architecture related books and manuals.

Welcome to New Members

The London/UK Chapter would like to give a warm welcome to the following new members:

Jennifer Morrison, Assoc. AIA, and **John Henry, Assoc. AIA**, of Koetter Kim and Associates (UK) Limited

William Alisse, AIA of The Phillips Group International Limited

Elizabeth Casqueiro, AIA of The European Bank

Celia Maxwell Scott, AIA

Lesley Weissner-Reich, Assoc. AIA

Eric Kuhne, AIA

James McDonald, AIA

Jonathan Bailey, AIA and **G. Travis Leissner, Assoc. AIA** of Jonathan Bailey Architects UK Ltd.

Catherine O'Grady, Prof. Aff. AIA of Hanscomb Inc.

ARB and NCARB Open Talks on Reciprocity

ARB and NCARB met in Washington, DC, in October to discuss the possibilities of re-establishing reciprocity between the US and UK architectural community. The AIA and RIBA also sent representatives to the meeting. ARB Chairwoman Barbara Kelly was the primary ARB spokesperson, and RIBA representatives utilised in most ARB presentations.

Both ARB and NCARB stressed that this first meeting was a "fact-finding" meeting. The meeting followed a pre-determined agenda for two days and focused on detailed presentations, commentary and questions on both national systems related to architectural education, accreditation/validation, internships, and registration examinations.

ARB noted the ongoing changes they are making related to the validation of UK schools of architecture and the architectural examination. Their closure on these two issues will likely influence further bilateral conversations.

ARB representatives expressed their satisfaction at having an opportunity to learn about the U.S. systems at this point in their restructuring of the UK system.

Initial reports suggest that UK and US education/accreditation and internship systems share the most common elements. These sectors are the most likely to be the first to achieve reciprocal recognition.

The most significant difference is in the actual examination

Bon Voyage Peter Hoyt!

Peter Hoyt, AIA, resigned from the AIA London/UK Chapter Board in September to return to the United States to live. We wish him all the best of luck for the future.



Celia Maxwell Scott, AIA, and Roger Kallman, Assoc. AIA, at the New Zealand House reception.

Events

November 7: Design Charette:
Saturday 9:00am, Cabot Hall, Canary Wharf. (See story inside).

December 2: Chapter Meeting
Wednesday 6:30pm. Contact Bob Schmidt, tel: 0171 930 9711.

December 7: RIBA/AIA Members Evening
Monday 6:30pm, RIBA, 66 Portland Place, London. (See story inside).

January 6: Chapter Meeting & AGM:
Wednesday 6:30pm. Contact Bob Schmidt, tel: 0171 930 9711.

January 15: Entries Due for Excellence in Design Awards

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