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Left: Members attend a reception in honour of the AIA national leadership at the Reform Club in London. Centre: Noel Hill, a director of the London chapter, speaks with Bill Chapin, Past President of the AIA, and Chet Windom, current President. Right: Stephan Reinke, Past President of the London/UK chapter; Bill Chapin; Terry McDermott, CEO and Vice President of AIA; Chet Windom; Dr. Alexander Reid, Director General of RIBA; Chris Colbourne, Vice President of RIBA; David Walker, President of the London/UK chapter; and Tim Forsyth, Vice President of RIBA.

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NCARB to Seek Reciprocity Agreement with UK

While attending the International Market and Practice Committee on behalf of the chapter (officially) and RIBA (unofficially), Stephan Reinke was able to speak with NCARB officials concerning US/UK licensing issues. Homer L. Williams, president of NCARB,

recently sent Reinke the following letter:

Dear Stephan:

I wish to assure your Chapter that the NCARB Board of Directors is very interested in opening a dialog with ARCUK toward a new accord for certification of architects.

Our Board realises the mistake our predecessors made in 1989 in rescinding the accord at that time. It is understandable that our friends in the UK will have reservations about returning

to the matter, but I believe we as regulators owe it to our member boards and certificate holders to do everything possible to reinstate a workable and mutually beneficial agreement.

Please extend my best wishes to your chapter and our friends in the UK.

Sincerely,
Homer L. Williams,
FAIA, NCARB
President

Windom, Chapin and McDermott visit London

Members of the London/UK chapter met Chet Windom, President of the AIA, Bill Chapin, past President and Terry M. McDermott, CEO and Vice President of AIA, at a reception at the Reform Club in May. It was a chance for the chapter to thank especially Chapin and

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Renewed Emphasis on Collaboration in Atlanta

"Re-visioning/See Ourselves as Collaborative Leaders" was the theme of the 1995 AIA National Exposition and Convention in Atlanta in May. It was part of the Institute's initiative to help architects "take back" the role of project leadership. U.S. Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt addressed the opening session. About

8,000 people attended the convention.

Stephan Reinke of the London chapter and Thomas Vonier of AIA/Continental chapter gave a talk on the resources and achievements of the European chapters.

Raj Bar Kumar, AIA, RIBA was elected first vice president/president-elect in a run-off against Ronald Alton, AIA. The need for a run-off was due to the large field of candidates seeking election. He will succeed

Raymond G. "Skipper" Post Jr. as national president in 1997. Kumar ran for office on a platform supporting active AIA participation in international practice, and to make his point he asked members in London for their support during his campaign.

The four most popular programs at the convention, based on attendance were Today's Firm in a Small-Project Market, Straight Talk About Profitability, Everyday Urban Design, and Building Your Practice with AIA

Online. The exposition of products and services attracted approximately 320 companies at 415 booths.

The 1996 convention is scheduled for 10-13 May, 1996 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

NEW BENEFITS

Legal Services for Members

National has made it easier for members to do their own preliminary legal research with two new services.

LegalLine, a subscription service now available to AIA members, provides instant, unlimited access to legal information from a group of experts headed by Charles R. Heuer, FAIA, Esq., an architect, attorney, professional liability consultant and mediator. It is designed principally for

sole practitioners and small firms.

Your questions concerning practice in each state can probably be answered now through AIA Online. The text of four government affairs publications covering licensing, interior designer registration, lien laws, and state statutes of limitation and repose can be searched in the database. Just enter the name of the state you are interested in. Details on state definitions of practice, partnership, corporate practice, and exemptions

and provisions for reciprocal licensure are included. The database can be found on AIA Online under Services/AIA Services/Government Affairs/Practice Laws.

R.S. Means to offer Discount Cost-Estimation

Members will benefit from a new service from the R.S. Means Company. The company provides construction cost-estimating services on a nation-wide basis to help architects

during all stages of their work. Fees vary according to size, type and complexity of the project; depth of information available; and required response time. For more information, contact AIA National headquarters at 001-202-626-7318.

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McDermott for their extra assistance during the first months of the chapter's existence.

David Walker, chapter president, and Stephan Reinke, past president, gave awards to both men in recognition of their support. Chapin and his wife Carol were also honoured for their efforts during his tenure to promote American architecture abroad.

London/UK to Assist ACE

The London/UK chapter has been invited to participate in policy discussions by the practice committee of the Architects Council of Europe (ACE). Chet Windom, present national President of the AIA, and Stephan Reinke met officials from the UK, Germany, France, Spain at RIBA headquarters to discuss qualification-based selection of architects for government projects.

Other common concerns, including licensing and GATT registration mandates, were also reviewed. For further information, contact Stephan Reinke by fax at 0181-748-3475.

Table, Lamp + Chair Design Competition

There is a strong desire for furniture and lighting in a society that has universally embraced conversation and

environmental awareness as a way of life. Design an article of furniture or lighting that will enhance the quality of life in such a world.

Entries are being accepted for both built and un-built work, for furnishings and lighting until 11 August 1995 at 5:00 pm (Western standard time). For entry forms and information, contact Reid Martin, phone 001-503-226-3556 or fax 001-503-220-0254.

US & UK Planning Law Seminar on July 12th

Should parts of the planning process in the City be mandatory or voluntary? The apparent desire to compete with the Docklands, coupled with recent criticisms of the planning process, has inspired the City's planners to take a more approachable stance. Some say the City is downright encouraging to developers with "hotlines"

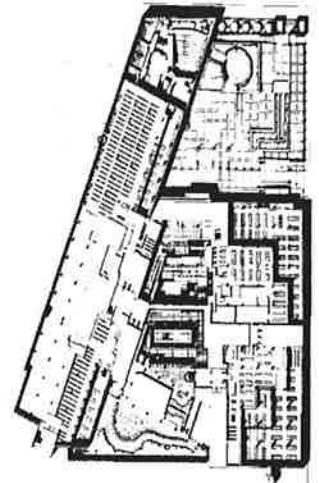
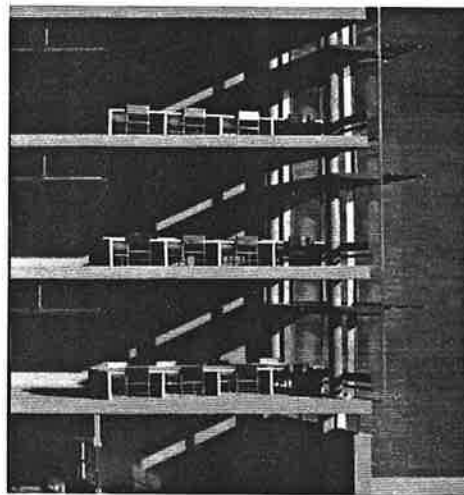
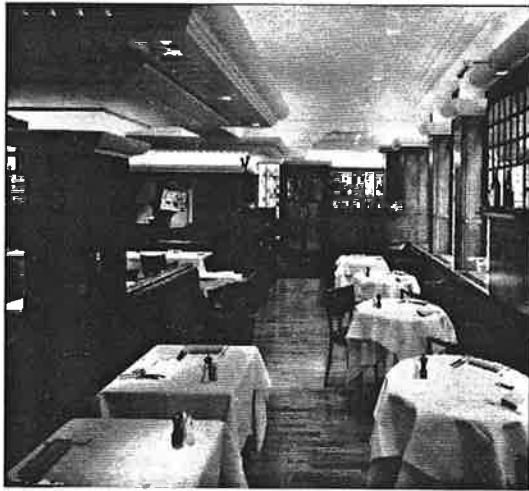
and consumer-friendly contacts. These and other developments will be discussed at the second annual planning seminar to be hosted by the AIA London/UK chapter at the offices of Salomon Brothers, 111 Buckingham Palace Road SW1, on Wednesday, 12 July at 7:00 pm. Five topics will be presented to the panel to begin the discussions, and the floor will be open to encourage people attending to enter the debate.

Panelists will include Peter Rees, Chief Planning Officer for the Corporation of London; Larry Malcic, Director of Hellmuth, Obata and Kassabaum in London; and John Thompson, RIBA, of John Thompson & Partners Urban Designers. Roger Kallman, Director of Planning of the London office of Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, will be the moderator.

Salomon Brothers will host a brief reception at 6:30 pm at their offices before the seminar begins.

AIA members may earn four Learning Units by their participation. Admission is £5 (£2 for students). For further information, contact Anita Kercheval by fax at 0171-930-9108.

PEOPLE



Projects by Long & Kentish: Left: The Ivy Restaurant, London, W1. Centre: Sectional model of University of Brighton New Library. The model is currently on show at the summer show of the Royal Academy, London. Right: Plan of the British Library, London, currently under construction and due to be completed in 1996.

FEATURES

Profile: M.J. Long

It was the winter of 1964, and it was raining in London. MJ Long had recently arrived in the UK having won a Travelling Fellowship on graduation from Yale, and was beginning to realise that she'd had enough travel, and really wanted a job.

Colin St John Wilson, who had been MJ's tutor at Yale, had been appointed along with Leslie Martin, to design the new British Library on a

site to the south of the British Museum, so MJ called him up and he offered her a job. That's where she's been ever since.

Born in New Jersey in 1939, with a BA from Smith in addition to her MARCH from Yale, MJ divides her time between her professional practice in London, (now Long & Kentish, formerly as a director of Colin St John Wilson & Partners), and teaching at Yale, where she has taught one semester a year since 1973.

MJ Long's professional career has been dominated by the British Library which will be handed over later this year, and is due to be open to the public in 1997. She was involved in the early schemes adjacent to the British Museum, but it was in 1973 when the present site was elected that marked the beginning of her central design role in the Library. As a director of Colin St John Wilson & Partners since 1973, MJ has supervised the various schemes for the Library

which have expanded and contracted depending on the political and economic climate of the day.

In addition to the British Library, MJ has designed buildings as a director of CSJW&P and as a principal of MJ Long architect. These included Queen Mary College Library in East London, University of Brighton Library, The Chicago Public Library and numerous residences and Artists Studios in the UK and US.

EVENTS

July 20: Second Annual Garden Party, at Crowthers of Syon Lodge, 6:30 pm.
August (date and place to be announced): AIA London/UK Family Bar-B-Q.
August 8: Call for Entries, Excellence in Design Programme. Contract Stephan Reinke by fax 0181-748-3475.
September: US/UK Building Codes panel discussion, sponsored by AIA London/UK.

October: Design with Brickwork seminar. Contract Stephan Reinke by fax, 0181-748-3475.
November: Design Charette, sponsored by AIA London/UK. Contract Dan Smith by fax at 0171-481-1102.
November 15-16: Building Globally, AIA International Markets and Practice meeting, Boston, Mass. Contact AIA National Headquarters at 001-202-626-7300.

November 24: Submission deadline for Excellence in Design Awards.
December 7: Design Awards.

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COMPETITION

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Recognize this building ?

Guess the building and its architect and win two free tickets to the second annual Garden Party at Syon Lodge, 20 July.

Building _____

Architect _____

Name and Mailing Address _____

Daytime telephone number _____

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Garden Party to be at Syon Lodge

Following last year's wonderful summer evening party, the AIA London/UK again invites members and friends to an evening of light jazz, good friends and fine food at Crowthers of Syon Lodge on 20 July at 6:30 pm. The party is sponsored by Acer International.

Syon Lodge is located on the grounds of Syon House,

built in the 15th century as a convent. Robert Adam redesigned the house in the 1760s, and it is regarded as an example of his finest work. The grounds were designed by Capability Brown, whose idea it was to create the present view down to the Thames.

Admission will be £10 (£5 for students). For further information and reservations contact the Programmes Committee by fax at 0181-748-3457.