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Left: Members of the panel Larry Malcic, AIA, (left) and Peter Rees, Chief Planning Officer of the Corporation of London.

Centre: Members of the audience enjoy the lively debate!

Right: Debate Moderator, Röger Kallman, Assoc. AIA, (left) speaks with panel member John Thompson, RIBA.

## FEATURE

### Debating the Issues: The AIA London/UK Planning and Planning Law Seminar

The AIA London/UK Chapter hosted its second panel discussion and debate on the issues of UK and US Planning Laws and Planning Methods. Mr Roger Kallman Assoc. AIA and Co Chair of the Chapter Public Policy Committee acted as moderator of the debate which was held at Salomon Brothers Headquarters. Mr

Peter Rees, Chief Planning Officer for the Corporation of London, opened the evening with a presentation of his background and philosophy. He explained that his passion for design and indeed planning were derived from his "needs to touch and stroke other peoples buildings" and that his actual project experience as a young architect from Wales included "putting the balls on an historic building" and "placing the pale, narrow lines on Cornish streets". He compared the joy of encountering well

designed spaces to "an orgasmic experience". On a more serious note he stated it is the responsibility of architects and planners to determine the "shape" of our environment for the millennium.

Denzil Millichap, Planning Law Specialist and Solicitor for Linklaters & Paines, followed with a presentation describing laws and approaches to planning from different eras. One from 1925, described "three wise men" empowered to make decisions for the populace.

In another model, from 1932, planning was community led with "the experts brought in to ensure good taste". "The debate is not new" stated Denzil "and one wonders how much we have improved since then!"

The method of planning in Moscow was described by Larry Malcic, AIA, a founding director of the Chapter. He explained a Moscow planning exercise was performed with the use of a 20 metre square wooden model, with a

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### Garden Party A Hot Success

On one of the warmest nights of the year, over one hundred members and friends of the Chapter got together to enjoy some cool jazz and wine in the beautiful setting of an 18th century sculpture garden. Highlights of the evening included the presentation of a plaque saluting J. Kingham, AIA, for her time and effort in support of the Chapter, and the attendance of our guests

from Paris, Thomas Vonier, AIA, AIA Continental Europe Chapter President and Francois Vonier, editor of the Continental News letter and a contributor to AIArchitect.

A Chapter member commented, "The garden is wonderful, but it's the great company that makes the evening".

A special thanks to Crowthers of Syon Lodge for their hospitality and use of the Lodge and to Acer Consultants for their generous support.

### UIA Professional Practice Commission

The Chapter and the RIBA will co-host the Union of International Architects Conference in London. The three day conference will take place in early November. The first day's program will consist of a formal meeting of the commission's designated members. The second and third days will include a joint conference on "Professional

Liability and Risk Management in International Practice." The conference portion is open to attendance by any AIA or UIA member. For registration information, contact James Scheeler, FAIA, Secretary to the UIA Professional Practice Commission, AIA, 1735 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20006-5292, (202) 626-7315, fax-(202) 626,7421.

## EVENTS

### Lunchtime Continuing Education Seminars

The Education Committee is organising a series of lunchtime seminars focusing on specialised topics. You will earn Continuing Education Units (the acquisition of which is now mandatory for AIA and RIBA members) by participating in these seminars.

The seminars will be held fortnightly in Member's

offices and other convenient venues. The seminars will be 1 hour long and will start at 12:30 pm commencing 1 September. There is no need to book and no fee for attending. There will be no food or refreshments unless otherwise stated.

Friday, September 1, 12:30 - 1:30 pm  
Lars Hesselgren, RIBA of Kohn Pederson Fox will discuss "Computer Aided Design" at KPF, 13 Langley Street, WC2. Contact Karen Cook for details on 0171-836-6668.

Friday, September 15, 12:30 - 1:30 pm  
Michael Lischer, AIA, RIBA, of HOK Sports Group will discuss "Emerging Trends in Stadium Design" at HOK, 14-17 Market Place (Entrance in Great Titchfield Street), W1. Refreshments will be provided.

Friday, September 29, 12:30 - 1:30 pm  
Subject and speaker to be announced at Swanke Hayden Connell, 12a Finsbury Square, EC2. Contact Alex Rimmer for details on 0171-374-4371.

Friday, October 13, 12:30 - 1:30 pm  
"Leisure Technology at the Trocadero" RTKL, 196 Tottenham Court Road, W1. Contact Candace Sheeley for further details on 0171-306-0404.

Friday, October 27, 12:30 - 1:30 pm  
Peter Ellis, AIA, RIBA of Skidmore Owings & Merrill. Subject to be announced at SOM, 46 Berkeley Street, London W1. Contact Robert Turner for details on 0171-930-9711.

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sliding gantry overhead. Recently an American architect's proposal for an 80 storey tower was rejected because it clashed with the movement of the gantry. Larry then discussed the new movement in the US toward local design review boards and cautioned that the focus in planning should be "what is allowed, not what is prohibited".

Steven Spier, AIA, an American lecturer in architecture and urban design at South London University, then decried the

UK system as driven by politics rather than good design and community requirements. He raised the issue of participatory planning exercises and questioned the validity of laymen with no experience in design or planning, driving planning solutions. He also questioned the use of budget allocation as a divining rod for planning.

A "new work process" was explained by Mr John Thompson, RIBA, and a Community Planning leader, "to encompass the Consensus, Energy and

Participation of the local population" in planning the built environment. He noted that the cost for the Kings Cross planning exercise had been £34 million with no tangible benefit, stating that much in the way of approved planning and development was "driven by greed not need". He also gave examples of Green Belt mentality where current planning law prohibits the development of some of the best sites. He encouraged the participation of all parties with the guidance of professionals.

A lively and open discussion between panel members and the audience skillfully moderated by Roger Kallman, Assoc. AIA, followed and focused primarily on the debate of issues surrounding participatory planning.

Larry Malcic, AIA, perhaps summed up the discussion best by quoting Yeats, whose verse states that the Duke of Urbino did not consult with the shepherds in the area when deliberating on planning matters and architectural design in Renaissance Urbino.

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**Second Annual AIA London/UK Excellence in Design Awards Programme**

The Awards Programme recognises and honours excellence in architectural projects located anywhere, designed by European based architects and projects by any architect, designed for Europe.

**Jury**

The Jury will include:

- Mr Richard Burdett  
Director of the Architects Foundation
- Mr Francis Duffy  
RIBA Past President  
Architect, DEGW
- Ms M J Long  
Architect, Long & Kentish
- Mr Stephan C Reinke  
Architect, The Areen Design Group
- Mr Ian Ritchie  
Architect, Ian Ritchie Architects

Mr David M Walker  
President, AIA London/UK Chapter, Swanke Hayden Connell Architects

**Eligibility**

- Structures or buildings (or groups of either) of any type (including rehabilitations, interior design, monuments, etc) built or unbuilt, anywhere in the world by European based architects.
- Any project designed for or built in Europe by

architects from anywhere in the world.

- Architecture students may submit studio projects, provided they are currently enrolled in an architectural programme in the United Kingdom.
- Projects must have been designed after January 1, 1992.

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**Criterion**

The sole judging criterion is design excellence. The jury is empowered to define the extent to which excellence is determined by aesthetic, social and functional; characteristics. The jury may elect to honour projects without making any such distinctions.

**Deadline**

All submissions must reach the AIA prior to noon on Friday, November 24, 1995.

**Entry Fees**

Practising Architects: £50

Student entries: £15

Each submission must be accompanied by a cheque payable to:  
American Institute of Architects  
London/UK Chapter

Any eligible student, architect or practice may submit any number of eligible entries provided each is submitted separately with the appropriate fees for each.

**Awards**

Following the jury's selections, honourees will be contacted and invited to the awards ceremony. Award announcements will be made and certificates presented at the AIA London/UK Chapter Excellence in Design Awards Gala on the evening of December 7, 1995.

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**NEWS**

**1996 Nominations Sought**

The origin of Honorary Fellowship goes back to the beginning of the AIA. The Institute's constitution provides for recognition of distinguished international architects. The qualifications for Honorary Fellowship are: "An architect of esteemed character and distinguished achievements who is neither a U.S. citizen nor a United States resident and who does not practice architecture with the domain of the Institute." All members of

the Institute are encouraged to identify qualified candidates and bring them to the attention of their AIA director.

Nominations should be based on an architect's notable and outstanding contributions to architecture, society and the profession in the nominee's home country or internationally. The Objects of the Institute have been adopted as guidelines for the categories of achievement for nomination. Honorary Fellowship is granted to foreign architects who have:

1. Produced distinguished work through design, urban design, preservation, or practice of architecture.
2. Made notable contributions through their work in education, research, or literature.
3. Actively, efficiently, and cooperatively led the construction industry and their professional organization.
4. Made notable contributions to public service, or in government or industry service through leadership in

the development of civic improvements.

5. Made notable contributions to the public good beyond the scope of normal professional activities.

For additional information contact Virgil R. Carter, FAIA, vice president, AIA Education, 1735 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20006-5292, (202) 626-7510, fax - (202) 626-518.

# CALENDAR

## August 8:

Call for Entries, Excellence in Design Programme. Contact Stephan Reinke by fax 0181-748-3475.

## September:

US/UK Building Codes panel discussion, sponsored by AIA London/UK.

## September:

Corporate Planning for Architects. Contact Stephan Reinke by fax 0181-748-3475.

## September:

AIA London/UK Family Bar-B-Q.

## October:

Design with Brickwork seminar. Contact Stephan Reinke by fax 0181-748-3475.

## November:

Design Charette, sponsored by AIA London/UK. Contact 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 Family Bar-B-Q in September.

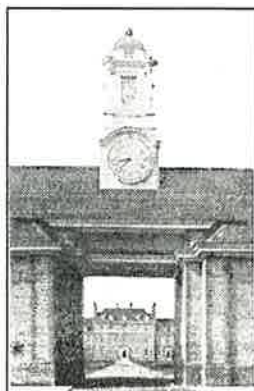
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