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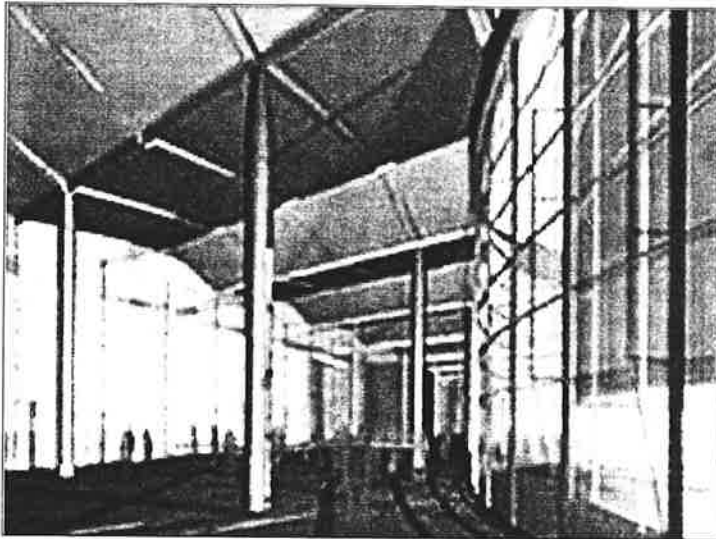
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Left: Computer modelling of an interior space by KPF.

Right: Twenty percent of the seating in the Joe Robbie Stadium in Florida are "luxury seats". The stadium was privately funded by selling these seats before construction started.

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Lunchtime Continuing Education Seminars

The lunchtime "brown bag" seminars organised by the Chapter Education Committee have proven a great success. Four of the planned five events have taken place with attendances ranging from 10 to 18 people for each seminar. The seminars were designed to address specialised topics, allowing participants to earn

continuing education units. Those attending found the seminars to be very informative. They provided an opportunity for members to visit the offices of major practices in London.

The first seminar was held on September 1st at Kohn Pedersen Fox's office. Lars Hesselgen gave the presentation illustrating the CAD work done. The first part of the presentation gave a general overview of the current CAD trends in software and hardware. A live demonstration of

Microstation's capabilities finished the presentation, which was followed by an exchange of views of all the participants.

Michael Lischer, AIA, Director of the HOK Sports Facilities Group's European Office presented the second seminar. Examples of the Sport Group's recent projects were shown to illustrate the importance of issues such as site context and spectator luxury and comfort.

The final seminar in this series will be presented by Peter Ellis, AIA, of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill on Friday October 27th at 12.30pm. The topic is the eagerly awaited Two Part sealants and the ying and yang of architecture in the 1990's. Contact Laurinda Haydock for details 0171-930 9711.

AIA: Continuing Education System (CES) & RIBA: Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

Many of our members are not aware of the new requirements regarding their AIA membership status. CES is now a mandatory requirement for all full architect members (non USA registered architects, students and affiliates are

not affected). RIBA members have a similar duty, but under a different acronym: CPD.

The Continuing Education Learning Units (LUs) can be earned concurrently to satisfy AIA and RIBA requirements. The RIBA's mandatory CPD scheme is "honour" based and lacks compliance testing. We understand, however, that the RIBA is currently considering implementing a system more akin to the AIA's, which requires proof of compliance.

Starting this month, CES transcripts will be mailed to all members. These will be similar to a college transcript indicating the number of contact hours, learning units, health, safety and welfare hours and programmes participated in.

Don't be alarmed if your transcript shows no LUs! 1995, '96 and '97 are the lead in years. You require a total of 36 LUs over these three years. In 1998 and every year thereafter, you will need to earn 36 LUs.

The activities accredited for LUs are categorised into three quality levels. These levels differentiate between passive and active learning experiences, and earn differing amounts of LUs. For example, attending a one hour lecture is considered a passive activity and will earn 1 LU. A round table discussion, considered an interactive activity, will earn 2 LUs per hour and any interactive programme that measures your learning progress, i.e. an examination, earns 3 LUs per hour. If the session

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Left: Picnickers queue for food under brollies!

Centre: Chef Stephan Reinke, AIA

Right: Student members: Steve Best (left), Tony Brown (centre), and James King came from Leicester for the picnic. Well done!

AIA Annual Family BBQ

As we held this year's Annual Garden Party on one of the warmest days of the year, it was probably appropriate that the Annual Family Barbecue was held on one of the wettest. We were able to contact many of our members and friends to offer "rainchecks" for next years culinary extravaganza, however a number of hearty souls turned out in spite of the downpour. As the River Thames swelled over the

tow path, the intrepid group consumed a considerable number of ribs, chicken drumsticks, and "Zazeza" sausages, expertly prepared on the Weber with a secret Chicago/St. Louis sauce. In additional, the regional commerce of Napa Valley also received a boost. Undaunted by the wash out, the Chapter's Programme Committee is considering venues for next year Texas has been mentioned.

AIA London/UK Large Firm Roundtable

Recently a meeting was held to discuss the benefits of forming a London based AIA Large Firm Roundtable modelled on the AIA National example. Stuart Binstock Esq, the AIA Staff person responsible has provided the format employed in the States which may be utilised as a guideline for London. The primary goal of such a

group, which would be likely to meet twice a year, is to share the experiences both positive and negative which affect the business of large practices operating here in the UK. If the US example is any indication of the advantages of such a forum, our AIA Member Firms and interested RIBA Member Firms would be well served by the Roundtable.

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lasted two hours, you will earn 2, 4 or 6 LUs respectively.

A further requirement is that 12 of your 36 annual LUs will have to be earned through health, safety and welfare issues. This should ensure a good turnout for all of the intumescent fire protection and egress width seminars we have been planning!

You won't have to rearrange your life in order to comply. Many of your current everyday architectural tasks

are furthering your knowledge and understanding and contributing to your professional proficiency. The CES/CPD activity will ensure that you stay abreast of your profession and the ever increasing body of knowledge associated with it. As your local Chapter, we aim to facilitate the acquisition of this knowledge.

Participants in last year's charrette and the seminars held to date all earned LUs.

The lunchtime seminar programme that was recently launched, is a further means of achieving this goal. For all these activities it is the duty of the Chapter or other provider to send a record of participation to the AIA/CES record keeping centre in Oklahoma. For self-learning activities, the individual member will need to complete and return the standard completion form available from Oklahoma. You will also be able to do this electronically via AIA Online.

The mailing address at the record keeping centre where CES forms are to be sent is:

College of Continuing Education
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For more information contact Daniel Smith (0171-488-3340). A big thank you to Virgil Carter FAIA for helping with this article.

NEWS

RIBA Promotes Qualification Based Selection

Dr. Alex Reid, Director General of the RIBA, and Stuart Binstock Esq., from the AIA International Headquarters in Washington DC made a presentation on Qualification Based Selection (QBS) to an eminent group of invited guests at the RIBA Headquarters. The group reflected a cross section of individuals from both the public and private sectors

who utilise architectural and other design services.

Mr. Binstock explained how the system works in the US for all federal projects and many state and local projects. Architects and engineers are notified of projects through the *Commerce Business Daily*, a government publication. The A and E consultants then file their credentials and qualifications. A selection of the top three applicants is made **solely on their qualifications**. The top firm is then interviewed. Following this

interview, their sealed fee proposal is opened and, in over 95% of all cases, a negotiated fee agreement is reached (federal law limits fees to 6%).

This system has been in place for more than 25 years and the results have shown enhanced life cycle costing for capital projects. The AIA supports this method, which is in direct contradiction to the CCT or Compulsory Competitive Tendering Method.

Dr. Reid presented a RIBA Paper to the group which

was prepared with the assistance of the AIA London/UK Chapter. He carefully explained the advantages of the **QBS** method of procurement, and a lively and open discussion followed.

The RIBA will continue to examine, promote, and explore the use of the **QBS** method here in the UK with the support and participation of our Chapter.

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UIA London Conference

Details of the Union of International Architects Conference in London are confirmed. The conference will begin on Thursday, November 2nd and conclude Saturday, November 4th. The London Chapter is co-hosting the conference with sponsorship from Steelcase Strafor. The sessions, taking place on the Friday and Saturday, are open to AIA members. The conference theme is Professional Liability and

Risk Management in International Practice. Specific topics include a review of professional standards, international standards of accreditation, liability and statutes of limitation.

The London Chapter and Steelcase Strafor are planning a reception for Friday evening and the AIA London/UK Chapter will conduct a tour of new projects in London Saturday afternoon. For information, contact Michael Lischer AIA, by fax at 0171-636 1987.

Brickwork in Design Seminar

The London/UK Chapter will host the second annual "Brickwork in Design" evening on 22 November. In addition to discussing general design issues with brick, the panel will focus on opportunities for the use of special shaped bricks.

Bob Baldwin, Technical Director for Ben Barrett and Son (Brickwork) Ltd and Stuart Bell, Dip Arch RIBA, Technical Director, Marshalls Clay Products, will both

present illustrated lectures followed by a discussion and reception.

AIA Continuing Education credits will be given for members.

Members are invited to "Brickwork in Design" at no charge. Please contact Stephan Reinke, by fax 0181-748 3475, for further information regarding time, venue and reservations. Book early for what promises to be a lively and informative evening. Spaces are limited.

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November 2-4:

Union of International Architects Conference, London. Contact Michael Lischer by fax at 0171-636-1987.

November 13-16:

Building Globally, AIA International Markets and Practice meeting, Boston, Mass. Contact AIA National Headquarters at 001-202-626-7300.

November 22:

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

November 24: Submission deadline for Excellence in Design Awards.

December 7: Design Awards.

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The first person to guess the building and its architect will win two free tickets to the Gala Awards Ceremony.

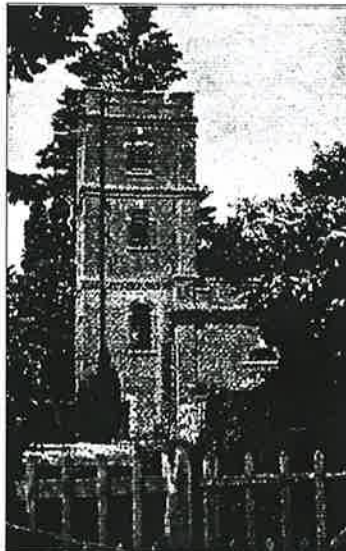
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