

CTBUH Update - January 2005

Dear Colleagues:

The programming for the Council's 7th World Congress is starting to take shape. You can view the tentative schedule by going to the Council's website at <http://www.ctbuh.org>. Additional information and speaker names will be added as the program progresses.

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The Council, therefore, issues a **CALL FOR PAPERS** for the Congress. The theme, "Renewing the Urban Landscape" will focus on urban renewal projects around the world, new developments in tall building technology, and advancements in sustainable design. Papers are invited on the topics of, but not limited to, Architecture, Development, Urban Planning, Engineering, Construction and Sustainable Design Strategies. **Deadline for submission of abstracts is May 15, 2005.**

Abstracts should be in MS Word and include a maximum of 200-300 words on one 8-1/2"x11" page and should clearly state the objectives of the proposed paper, summarize the subject matter and the substantive issues it will raise, state the conclusion(s) to be presented, and contain a comment on how it would address the conference theme. Submissions should be sent to: Geri Kery, CTBUH, PO Box 4363, Bethlehem, PA 18018 USA; Fax: 610-419-0014; Email: gkery@ctbuh.org.

All abstracts will be peer reviewed, before being accepted, by July 1. Final papers will be due September 1, 2005 for inclusion in the proceedings. All papers selected will be presented during a full-day special session on Tuesday, October 19.

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On an important note, Ron Klemencic's role as Chairman of the Council will conclude with the 7th World Congress in New York (October 2005). The Council is beginning the process of determining who will be the next Chairman. If you have any suggestions for a replacement or input on this topic we would be happy to hear from you.

It was learned that renowned architect Philip Johnson, famous for his "glass-box" skyscrapers, died last week at the age of 98. Mr. Johnson's work ranged from the fancifully topped AT&T Building in New York to the glass greenhouse-like Crystal Cathedral in Southern California. Mr. Johnson was a devotee of Mies Van der Rohe and invented the term International Style to describe his work. He worked with Mr. Van der Rohe on New York's Seagram Building, designing the interior for the circa-1958 structure.

Plan to attend:

- March 3, 2005. SEAIO short course on "Earth Retention and Deep Foundations" at the Wyndham Chicago Hotel from 8am to 5 pm. The cost is \$250 for SEAIO members and \$350 for non-members (\$300/\$400 after February 25). Contact Donna Childs at 312/649-4600 for reservations. For information on this and other upcoming SEAIO events go to <http://www.seaio.org>.

- March 11, 2005. Conference on "Birds & Buildings: Creating a Safer Environment". This will be the first public meeting anywhere to address the building glass and window design features that are associated with the deaths of almost one billion birds each year in the U.S. Registration is \$95; \$45 for university students. To register go to <http://www.birdsandbuildings.org>.

- March 24, 2005. CCHRB Spring Seminar on "High Rise Fire and Life Safety in Chicago" at the Sears Tower Conference Center, Chicago. Architects can earn up to 6 HSW continuing education credits. For registration and other information go to <http://www.cchrb.org>.

- April 11-13, 2005. Conference on Sustainable Building South East Asia to be held at the Pan Pacific Kuala Lumpur International Airport. Presented by the International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction (CIB), the International Initiative for Sustainable Built Environment (iiSBE) and the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) and hosted by the Construction

Technology & Management Centre and the Universiti Teknologi Malaysia. For more information go to <http://www.cibklutm.com>.

- May 19-21, 2005. AIA National Convention and Design Exposition on "The Power of Architecture: Imagine, Create, Transform" at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. Visit www.aia.org in November for convention information.

- October 16-19, 2005. CTBUH Seventh World Congress on "Renewing the Urban Landscape" in New York, NY. Visit the Council's website at <http://www.ctbuh.org> for updates as the program progresses.

- November 24-26, 2005. International Symposium on Innovation & Sustainability of Structures in Civil Engineering - Including Seismic Engineering in Nanjing, China. Presented by Southeast University. For additional information please contact Prof. Ding Dajun at dingdajun@seu.edu.cn.

With a new year now upon us, we look forward to seeing many of you at one or more of the Council's sponsored/co-sponsored events. We have recently been in discussion with several of our members about possible new and revised activities. As always, we welcome and encourage any comments or suggestions that anyone may have.

Sincerely,

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