

CTBUH Update - June 2005

Dear Colleagues:

The deadline for early bird registration has now passed however we would still like to encourage you to register sooner rather than later for this worldwide event.

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7th WORLD CONGRESS UPDATE

90% of the program is now confirmed. A copy of the program is attached for your information. Changes will be made as the program proceeds and updated copies will be made available on the CTBUH website at <http://www.ctbuh.org>.

After a three-year study of the collapse of the World Trade Center, the National Institute of Standards and Technology has released their recommendations for major changes in the planning, construction and operation of skyscrapers. A special NIST session on the final report is set for Wednesday morning and will include Jason D. Averill, Richard Bukowski, Richard G. Gann and H. S. Lew. In addition, multiple points of view regarding the outcome of the study will be presented on Tuesday morning by Dr. S. Shyam Sunder, the engineer who oversaw the inquiry for NIST; Jon Magnusson, who serves on the special committee set up by the National Fire Protection Association; and Sally Regenhard, chairwoman of the Skyscraper Safety Campaign.

If have already registered and require room reservations, it's important to note that you are responsible for making your own reservations. A link to the online reservation site can be found on the Council's website. Also, please note that the special rate of US\$228 on the room block is for the period October 15-20 only. For an earlier arrival or extended stay you will need to contact the hotel by telephone (1-800-266-9432) to make separate arrangements for any additional days. If you are having any difficulties with making hotel reservations please contact Geri Kery at gkery@ctbuh.org.

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Thank you to those who have submitted nominations for the Lynn S. Beedle Achievement Award and the Fazlur Rahman Khan Medal. The field has been narrowed down to the top three for each award and an announcement about the final selections will be made in July.

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The CTBUH High-Rise Buildings Database is undergoing reconstruction and will be unavailable for the next month or two. CTBUH has entered into a partnership with Emporis and, once set up, CTBUH members will be given new passwords that will provide access to additional information beyond the public site. We apologize for the inconvenience. In the meantime, to research building information please go to the Emporis website at <http://www.emporis.com>. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Geri Kery at gkery@ctbuh.org.

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The Structural Engineers Association of Illinois (SEAOI) has installed a new president and elected a new governing council. Congratulations to Roger Reckers of TGRWA, LLC on his term as new president. Other officers include Thomas McCluskey as President-Elect, David Bibbs as Treasurer and George Krupa as Secretary. Elected to the Board of Directors is Steven Bishop, Laurence Dietrick, Shane Farr and Lawrence Novak.

During his term as president, Mr. Reckers' agenda will focus on promoting membership participation in committee activities, advocate for the unification of Structural Engineers throughout the state of Illinois, expand the current education and training programs currently being offered by SEAOI, and facilitate meaningful involvement in legislative matters at both the state and city levels.

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The proceedings of the IABSE Conference New Delhi, February 2005 is now available. The conference theme, 'Role of Structural Engineers towards Reduction of Poverty', addressed the multidisciplinary aspects of structural engineering and was oriented towards sustainable infrastructure development with pre-disaster preparation and post-disaster mitigation. The 582-page book (with CD) includes 9 keynote lectures and 66 contributions (in English). For more information go to www.iabse.org/publications/orderform/index.php.

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Plan to attend:

- September 14-17, 2005. IABSE Symposium on "Structures and Extreme Events" in Lisbon, Portugal. Sessions will deal with case studies and measures taken by structural engineers during design, construction, operation and maintenance in order to deal with extreme events such as natural disasters and environmental changes. <http://www.iabse.org/conferences/lisbon2005/index.php>.

- October 16-19, 2005. CTBUH Seventh World Congress on "Renewing the Urban Landscape" in New York, NY. Visit the Council's website for a list of confirmed speakers and other information. <http://www.ctbuh.org>

- 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.

- December 6-8, 2005. 6th International Conference on Tall Buildings at the Kowloon Shangri-La Hotel, Hong Kong. Presented by The University of Hong Kong, Tongji University and the China Academy of Building Research. <http://www.hku.hk/civil/conference/ictb6/>

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