

CTBUH Update - June 2006

Dear Colleagues:

It has been a good month for the Council. Our first issue of the CTBUH Journal for 2006 has gone to press. This follows a substantial update of our Journal template system that will allow a simpler production of future issues. Work has now beginning on the second issue in 2006, which will focus on sustainable issues of high-rise buildings. We are still looking for one short article on sustainable design for the fall issue of the Journal. If interested, please contact dscott@ctbuh.org.

It seems to me that we should be striving for a much clearer understanding of sustainable issues and targets for tall buildings, so that the direct comparisons between buildings may be achieved. Tall buildings offer the advantages of urban densification and the concentration of people often gives opportunities for grey water recycling and black water treatment; however we need a better system for measuring energy use, embodied energy and energy generation potential. We need to understand how much of the energy used is clean energy and we need the data to be backed up by measurements and standards, so that there can be a continuing improvement of sustainable high-rise buildings.

Following my brief note in May's e-update, the Council has received many replies from members who wish to be involved with the Progressive Collapse working group. We plan to get the group established this month and will be contacting everyone who expressed an interest.

We would like to welcome our most recent new member at the Sustaining Contributor level, New Songdo City Development LLC. Organizational Members at this level have a significant impact on the financial security of the Council and we are very pleased to welcome them and their representative Charles Reid into the Council. New Songdo City Development LLC is named after the massive new Songdo city that is currently being developed, close to Incheon, Korea. The city is scheduled to contain some of the tallest commercial and residential buildings in Korea, as well as a complete range of cultural, educational and healthcare buildings.

Sincerely,

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*** CTBUH NEWS ***

CTBUH Fellows. The Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat is pleased to name the following Steering Group members as its first-ever CTBUH Fellows: Dr. Henry Jack Cowan, Professor Emeritus of the University of Sydney; Mr. Charles A. DeBenedittis, Director of Tishman Speyer Properties; Mr. Gilberto M. Barbosa do Valle, President of Projest Consultoria e Projetos Ltda.; and Mr. A. Eugene Kohn, Chairman of Kohn Pedersen Fox.

CTBUH Fellows are recognized for their contribution to the Council over an extended period of time and in recognition of their work and sharing of their knowledge in the design and construction of tall buildings and the urban habitat.

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Conference Update – “Thinking Outside the Box – Tapered, Tilted, Twisted Towers”.

Some additional speakers have been confirmed for the October 25-26 conference, including Charles Reid of Gale International, Karrel Vollers of Delft University, Lee Herzog of Citadel Access Consultants, Michael Wilford of Arup, Shahab Lufti of Dubai Properties and Zaha Hadid of Zaha Hadid Architects.

In addition to the two-day conference, the organizing committee is planning several site visits to unique tall buildings that are under construction in the Chicago area (to be announced). These tours will be open

to conference participants on Tuesday, October 24 and Friday, October 27. Tour sizes will be limited and priority will be given to our overseas visitors.

We're happy to report that the registration brochure is at the printers and will be in the mail within the next week. Conference details and updates will be posted on the Council's website by the end of this week.

CTBUH Awards Dinner. The call for nominations for the CTBUH awards is now closed. Tim Johnson and his committee will now begin the process of reviewing the nominations and selecting the final candidates, which will be announced over the next several months.

101 Tallest Buildings in Print. The printing of our new publication, *One Hundred and One of the World's Tallest Buildings*, is now complete and will be available through the Council in July. This large format book features 101 of the world's tallest buildings, including a section on buildings in progress. This is a must-have book for all tall building designers, developers and builders, as well as tall building enthusiasts. It is on sale from the Council for US\$70 plus shipping (\$5 within U.S.; \$10 Canada; \$20 overseas economy parcel post). To pre-order your book, please contact Geri Kery at 312-909-0253 (phone); 610-419-0014 (fax); gkery@ctbuh.org.

CABA Intelligent Buildings Leadership Forum (June 25-27). As a member association involved in the Forum, CABA has extended their member registration discount to CTBUH members. This year's forum will provide business leaders an environment to openly explore pressing issues facing the intelligent building industry, exchange experiences and ideas, and get a fresh insight into the challenges your companies confront. To register, or to view the full agenda, please see the attached announcement.

AIA First Pacific Regional Conference. Registration is now open for the 2006 AIA Northwest & Pacific Region Conference and the AIA Committee on Design Fall Conference which will take place, for the first time ever in Hong Kong and Shanghai, October 15-22, 2006. The event, entitled "Pacific Crossings", will be hosted by AIA Hong Kong in collaboration with the AIA Committee on Design and will include a week of educational, cultural and inspirational activities. For additional information please visit <http://www.aiahk.org>.

Help Celebrate "Safety Week". The Elevator Escalator Safety Foundation's National Elevator Escalator Safety Awareness Week will be held November 12-18 to promote public safety awareness for the industry's equipment across the U.S. and Canada. The EESF has available a free Safety Week Planning Guide which your company or organization can use to help spread the word about public safety as well as celebrate the contributions made by the industry to the quality of life. For more information or to request a free guide, visit <http://www.eesf.org>.

***** PLAN TO ATTEND *****

- June 25-27, 2006. The Continental Automated Buildings Association's (CABA) Intelligent Buildings Leadership Forum, Dallas, Texas <http://www.caba.org/leadershipforum/>

- September 10-14, 2006. National Association of Elevator Contractors 57th Annual Convention, Orlando, Florida. <http://www.naec.org>

- October 15-22, 2006. 2006 AIA Northwest & Pacific Region Conference and AIA Committee on Design Fall Conference on "Pacific Crossings", Hong Kong and Shanghai. <http://www.aiahk.org>

- October 25-26, 2006. CTBUH conference on “Thinking Outside the Box - Tapered, Twisted, Tilted Towers”, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois. <http://www.ctbuh.org>

- October 26, 2006. Fifth Annual CTBUH Awards Dinner, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois.

- October 25-28, 2006. 6th International Symposium on Architectural Interchanges in Asia, hosted by the Architectural Institute of Korea, Daegu, Korea. <http://www.isaia2006.com>

- November 8-9, 2006. International Conference on Construct in Steel - the Next 50 Years, organized by the Southern African Institute of Steel Construction, Johannesburg, South Africa. <http://www.saisc.co.za>

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