

## CTBUH Update - January 2006

Dear Colleagues:

This message will serve as my final communication as Chairman of CTBUH. It has been a great honor to serve the organization. I am pleased to report that CTBUH continues to grow in contribution and relevance.

Mr. David Scott of Arup (New York) will officially assume duties as Chairman on February 1, 2006. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to David <[david.scott@arup.com](mailto:david.scott@arup.com)>, and offer him your support as he guides CTBUH into the future.

As always, you are welcome to contact David, Geri or myself with any suggestions or questions you may have. We all look forward to your continued support.

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Congratulations to the following CTBUH member firms who have, within the last month, received awards:

2006 AIA Honor Award for Regional and Urban Design - Millennium Park, Chicago, by Skidmore Owings & Merrill who served as master planners and master architect, design architect for the ice rink, architect for the promenade and structural engineers for the band shell and pedestrian bridge.

2005 NCSEA Excellence in Structural Engineering Outstanding Project Award for New Buildings Over \$30 Million - Thornton-Tomasetti Group Inc. for Taipei 101, Taiwan.

2005 NCSEA Excellence in Structural Engineering Outstanding Project Award for Other Structures - Thornton-Tomasetti Group Inc., for Adaptive Reuse of Soldier Field, Chicago.

2005 NCSEA Excellence in Structural Engineering Merit Award for New Buildings Over \$30 Million - WSP Cantor Seinuk and Enrique Martinez Romero for Torre Mayor, Mexico City.

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CTBUH Chairman Ron Klemencic has been named as one of ENR's Top 25 Newsmakers for 2005. ENR cited Ron's efforts to attract more design and construction practitioners and material and product suppliers into CTBUH and for acting quickly to dispel public concerns and misconceptions about skyscraper safety after the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

The Top 25 will be honored at lunch and dinner events on April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in New York City, where one of the named individuals will receive the Award of Excellence, ENR's highest honor.

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CTBUH was saddened to learn of the death of Architect James Ingo Freed on December 15. Mr. Freed was a long-time partner of architect I. M. Pei and was the primary architect of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. Other credits include the Jarvis Convention Center in New York City and, most recently, the Air Force Memorial in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.

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The Skyscraper Museum in New York City is presenting an eight-part lecture series on "Green Teams: How Sustainability Succeeds in Business". The series, being held in conjunction with the 2006 exhibition on Green Towers for New York, began on January 25<sup>th</sup> with a lecture on THE HEARST TOWER TEAM "Innovating Corporate Identity". The second lecture in the series is set for February 7, on THE NEW YORK TIMES BUILDING "Delivering Transparency...Living with Light". For the complete series schedule please visit [http://www.skyscraper.org/WHAT'S\\_UP/CURRENT/programs.htm](http://www.skyscraper.org/WHAT'S_UP/CURRENT/programs.htm). Reservations are required. To RSVP please call the Skyscraper Museum at 212/945-6324 or email [green@skyscraper.org](mailto:green@skyscraper.org).

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The Structural Engineers Association of Illinois announces two upcoming events:

- A dinner meeting on February 7 at the 410 Club, Wrigley Building, 410 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago. A presentation will be made by structural engineers from Tylk Gustafson Reckers Wilson Andrews on the structural engineering of The Transparent House II. Located in the throws of Hurricane Alley at the point of a barrier island near Pensacola, Florida, the Transparent House escaped both Hurricane Ivan and Hurricane Dennis without structural

damage. Deadline for reservations is February 4. Cost of the dinner is \$40 for SEAIOI members and \$45 for non-members.

- A seminar on "Wind Loading and Wind Engineering at The Hyatt Lodge at McDonald's Campus, Oak Brook, Illinois, on February 9, 2006. Presentations will be made by Dr. Peter A. Irwin of RWDI and Mr. Scott L. Bamble of Motioneering Inc., both of Guelph Ontario, Canada. Both speakers offer experience in wind engineering, including extensive research and consulting in wind loading, aeroelastic response, wind tunnel methods and instrumentation. The seminar will provide 7.5 hours of continuing education credit. Deadline for reservations is February 3.

To register for either event please contact Donna Childs 312/649-4600. For information on upcoming events, visit the SEAIOI news website at <http://www.seaioi.org>.

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The Institution of Civil Engineers is highlighting the importance of fire safety engineering and lessons to be learned from the NIST report at a one-day conference on "Designing for Fires". The conference will be held at the Institution of Civil Engineers, Westminster, London, United Kingdom on March 27, 2006. Speakers include Shyam Sunder, Deputy Director of BFRL and NIST; Carl Galoto, Skidmore Owings & Merrill, Jose L. Torero, University of Edinburgh; and Anthony Burd, Principal Fire Safety Professional, Buildings Division ODPM. Reservations are limited. For further details please visit <http://www.iceconferences.com/fire>.

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Registration is now open for the AIA 2006 National Convention and Design Exposition which will be held in Los Angeles, California, June 8-10, 2006. Save on registration fees by registering before the March 15<sup>th</sup> Early-Bird deadline. To register go to [aiaexpo@mc-comm.com](mailto:aiaexpo@mc-comm.com).

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Plan to attend:

- February 7, 2006. New York City's Skyscraper Museum eight-part lecture series on "Green Teams: How Sustainability Succeeds in Business". Lecture #2 -- THE NEW YORK TIMES BUILDING "Delivering Transparency...Living with Light". 6:30 pm at the NYPL Donnell Library Auditorium. Members \$5/per lecture, Non-members \$10/lecture. For reservations 212/945-6324 or [green@skyscraper.org](mailto:green@skyscraper.org)

- February 7, 2006. SEA of Illinois' dinner meeting, featuring a presentation on the Transparent House II (see details above)

- February 9, 2006. SEA of Illinois' seminar on "Wind Loading and Wind Engineering" (see details above)

- February 10-11, 2006. NCSEA's 2006 Winter Institute on "Antiterrorism Design, Wind Engineering, and the Seismic Provisions of SEI/ASCE 7-05" in Jacksonville, Florida <http://www.ncsea.com/winterinstitute.htm>

- February 21, 2006. New York City's Skyscraper Museum eight-part lecture series on "Green Teams: How Sustainability Succeeds in Business". Lecture #3 - FXFOWLE "Building a Green Practice". 6:30 pm at the NYPL Donnell Library Auditorium. Members \$5/per lecture, Non-members \$10/lecture. For reservations 212/945-6324 or [green@skyscraper.org](mailto:green@skyscraper.org)

- March 7, 2006. New York City's Skyscraper Museum eight-part lecture series on "Green Teams: How Sustainability Succeeds in Business". Lecture #4 -- ONE BRYANT PARK "Cook+Fox Go Platinum". 6:30 pm at the NYPL Donnell Library Auditorium. Members \$5/per lecture, Non-members \$10/lecture. For reservations 212/945-6324 or [green@skyscraper.org](mailto:green@skyscraper.org)

- March 27, 2006. Institution of Civil Engineers' conference on "Designing out Fires in the UK - Can we learn from the NIST report?" London, United Kingdom <http://www.iceconferences.com/fire>

- March 30-April 2, 2006. The Architectural Engineering Institute's 2006 Architectural Engineering Conference in Omaha, Nebraska <http://www.asce.org/conferences/aei06>.

- May 15-17, 2006. IABSE Conference on "Operation, Maintenance and Rehabilitation of Large Infrastructure Projects, Bridges and Tunnels. Copenhagen, Denmark <http://www.iabse.org>

- May 18-21, 2006. Structural Engineering Institute of ASCE's 2006 Structures Congress on "Structural Engineering and Public Safety", St. Louis, Missouri <http://www.asce.org/conferences/structures2006>.

- June 8-10, 2006. AIA 2006 National Convention and Design Exposition on "Architecture on the Edge: Innovation...Engagement...Inspiration", Los Angeles, California.

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