

CTBUH Update - October 2005

Dear Colleagues:

7th WORLD CONGRESS OVERVIEW

Wow! The CTBUH 7th World Congress was a smashing success by all accounts - starting with a bang and finishing strong. Ole Scheeren, from the Office of Metropolitan Architecture, opened the Congress by challenging the premise of the traditional high-rise....asking, is pursuing height the only ambition? The Congress culminated with a presentation by Larry Silverstein, David Childs, Kenneth Ringle, Charles Maikish, and Stephan Pryor detailing the plans and progress for the redevelopment of Lower Manhattan.

Between these two bookends, a literal encyclopedia of state-of-the-art knowledge was shared by architects, engineers, owners, contractors and specialists from around the world. Notable presentations included the project teams from Taipei 101 and The Burj Dubai, providing detailed reviews of their record-setting buildings. In addition Craig Gibbons of Arup provided an overview of the latest structural engineering including details of the CCTV project in Beijing. The list of notable presenters goes on and on. In total, 400 professionals representing 25 nations participated in this three-day event.

Other highlights of the Congress included the awards dinner which featured a tribute to our beloved friend Norman Kurtz, presentation of the Fazlur Rahman Khan Medal to Dr. Werner Sobek, and presentation of the Lynn S. Beedle Achievement Award to Dr. Alan Davenport. An exhibition, including 25 booths, provided the delegates with additional take-home value during the breaks and lunch each day.

A special thank you goes to our primary Sponsors - Emaar Properties, NFPA and Turner Construction; and to the many additional sponsors who provided support - Arup, Autodesk, Bovis Lend Lease, Cosentini Associates, The Durst Organization, Flack + Kurtz, HOK Architects, KONE Corporation, McGraw-Hill Construction, RFR Realty LLC, Silverstein Properties Inc., Skidmore Owings & Merrill, Steel Institute of New York/Ornamental Metal Institute of New York, Thornton-Tomasetti Group, Weidlinger Associates Inc. and Ysrael A. Seinuk PC.

The Council would also like to thank Dr. Akira Wada and the Japan Iron and Steel Foundation for their special presentation of the publication *Guidelines for Collapse Control Design*, which each registrant received with the JISF's compliments. Details on how to purchase additional copies will be announced shortly.

Last but certainly not least, thanks to the exhibitors, speakers, delegates, and members of the organizing committee (Stephen DeSimone, Tom Fridstein, Carl Galioto and Robert Solomon) for making the Congress a fantastic success!

The proceedings of the Congress are available on CD for US\$20 plus shipping (\$3 US, \$5 overseas). Please contact Geri Kery at gkery@ctbuh.org if interested in purchasing your own personal copy.

CTBUH HIGH-RISE BUILDINGS DATABASE RELAUNCHED-- The Council is pleased to announce the restart of its high-rise buildings database in cooperation with Emporis, the leading provider of information on high-rise buildings. Although the Emporis website is accessible to the public, there is an internal version that requires membership to access. As a new benefit, all current CTBUH members should have recently received an email providing you with your own personal handle and password. If you haven't received this information, or are experiencing problems logging in or using the database, please contact the Emporis Support Team in Germany at support@emporis.com or call 49-6151-870-4058. Visit the Emporis website today at <http://www.emporis.com/en>, click on Extranet (upper right corner), and enter your handle and password to access the internal section. The building information features hundreds of thousands of photos, facts and information on the professional specialists involved in the construction and management of tall buildings.

NEW PUBLICATION ANNOUNCED -- An agreement has been made with Images Publishing to release a new version of the Council's coffee table book, *100 of the World's Tallest Buildings*. The book, targeted for a mid-2006 release date, will feature the current world's tallest, Taipei 101, and will be appropriately titled *101 Tallest Buildings*. The book will be co-edited by CTBUH and Georges Binder and is being generously sponsored by the Taipei Financial Center Corporation.

Plan to attend "Talking Tall", a challenging discussion on the future of urban skylines on Wednesday, December 7th, at the Lowry Hotel, Manchester, United Kingdom. Presenting this 360 degree perspective will be: Antony Wood, CTBUH Vice Chairman for Research and the University of Nottingham; Lee Polisano, president of Kohn Pedersen Fox Associates; Bill Price, Director of WSP Cantor Seinuk; Selina Mason, Director of Design Review, CABE; Lora Nikolaou, Director of Development Planning, DEGW; Peter Damesick, Head of Research & Consulting UK, CB Richard Ellis; and chaired by Alastair Collins, Chief Executive - Global Board of Davis Langdon & Seah International. Conference themes include tall buildings as visual signposts; quality of design, construction, building maintenance & energy management as keys to sustainability; productive and valuable internal spaces; and respecting and protecting the historic built environment. For full details, visit the CTBUH website or www.tandfevents.com/talkingtall.

Plan to attend:

- November 4, 2005. Illinois Institute of Technology's Seventh Annual Alumni and Friends of the Department of Civil and Architectural Engineering Appreciation Dinner at the University Club of Chicago. The evening will include a discussion on Trump International Hotel & Tower Chicago by Allan T. Snyder of the Trump organization. <http://www.iit.edu>.

- November 15-16, 2005. The Third Annual McGraw-Hill Construction Innovation Conference on 'Shaping the Future of Design and Construction:' at the McGraw-Hill Corporate Headquarters, New York City. This two-day event is presented by Architectural Record in partnership with Engineering News-Record and New York Construction News. To register contact Chuck Pinyan, 212-904-4634 or chuck_pinyan@mcgraw-hill.com. <http://www.construction.com>.

- November 17, 2005. SEAIO Continuing Education Seminar on "Practical Antiterrorism Design for Structural Engineers" with featured presenter Jon A. Schmidt, senior structural and security engineer for Burns & McDonnell. The course will provide 7.5 hours of continuing education hours. Reservation deadline is November 11. Visit <http://www.seaio.org> for additional details.

- 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/>

- December 7, 2005. "Talking Tall" at the Lowry Hotel, Manchester, United Kingdom on Wednesday, December 7, 2005,. A challenging discussion on the future of urban skylines. <http://www.tandfevents.com/talkingtall>

- May 18-21, 2006. ASCE's 2006 Structures Congress on "Structural Engineering and Public Safety", St. Louis, Missouri. Visit the website at <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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