

CTBUH Update - February 2005

Dear Colleagues:

After experiencing some technical problems, the Fall 2004 issue of the *CTBUH Review* will be available for access on Tuesday, March 1. The link is http://ctbuh.org/htmlfiles/Journal2004/CTBUH_Fall_04.pdf. It is a large file so please be patient when downloading it.

The Council is now issuing a CALL FOR MANUSCRIPTS for future issues of the *CTBUH Review* on the subjects of, but not limited to: urban systems; development and management; planning and architecture; building service systems; design criteria and loads, building systems and concepts and tall steel, concrete or masonry buildings, Case studies and innovative building projects or historical landmarks are also welcome. All manuscripts must be in English and should be no more than ten double spaced pages in length. The text should be submitted in a Word document, without embedded images. Images and graphics should be submitted in separate JPEG files between 150 and 200 dpi. Submissions should be sent to Geri Kery at gkery@ctbuh.org.

CONGRESS UPDATE

Watch for the 7th World Congress registration brochure to arrive in your mail during the month of March. Included will be a special limited time offer on a combined registration and hotel reservation. Sign up early and "save a bundle".

The Congress program is taking shape. Confirmed speakers to date include such notables as Phil Aarons, Millennium Properties, USA; Sabah Al-Rayes of the Al-Rayes Group, Kuwait; Blaine Brownell of NBBJ, USA; Pi di Bruijn of de Architekten Cie, The Netherlands; Richard Bukowski of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, USA; James Carpenter of James Carpenter Design Associates Inc., USA; Robert Fox of Cook & Fox Architects, USA; Gary Handel, Handel Architects, USA; Jerry Lea of Hines, USA; Paul Katz of Kohn Pedersen Fox, USA; Harace Lin of Taipei 101 Financial Corporation, Taiwan; Larry Ng of Cesar Pelli Associates, USA; and Matthias Schuler of TRANSOLAR Energietechnik GmbH, Germany.

The Council would like to thank the following firms who have already committed to sponsoring the Congress – DeSimone Consulting Engineers, Durst Organization, HOK Architects, Magnusson Klemencic Associates, McGraw-Hill Publishing, National Fire Protection Association, RFR Realty, Silverstein Properties, Skidmore Owings & Merrill LLP, and the Turner Corporation. Information on sponsorship opportunities can be found at the Council's website at <http://www.ctbuh.org>.

Council member Antony Wood will be a guest lecturer at the Illinois Institute of Technology on Monday, March 21st, at 6 pm in S. R. Crown Hall's Lower Core. Mr. Wood is an Architect/Lecturer in Architecture from the United Kingdom and has worked in architectural practice in Hong Kong, Bangkok, Jakarta, Kuala Lumpur, and the U.K., and currently runs various Tall Building Design programs at the University of Nottingham. His lecture, "The Shortfall of Tall: Design Approaches in Tall Buildings", will provide a provocative analysis of the design ideas behind recent tall buildings, especially in examining the relationship between tall buildings and context in 'emerging' high rise urban fabrics in Asia and Europe.

Chairman Ron Klemencic is featured in the Tallest Structures section of the 2005 edition of Guinness World Records. The feature titled, "GWR Talks to Ron Klemencic" includes questions on the Council's height criteria and the future and challenges of building tall.

William Baker and Lawrence Novak of Skidmore Owings & Merrill LLP will be the guest speakers at the Structural Engineers Association of Illinois' (SEAOI) dinner meeting on Tuesday, April 5th, at the 410 Club, 410 N. Michigan Avenue (Wrigley Building). Messrs. Baker and Novak will be speaking about the Burj Dubai tower. Although the final height of the building is still a "well-guarded secret" it is expected to take over the record as the world's tallest building when completed in 2008. The cost of the dinner is \$40 for SEAIOI members and \$45 for non-members. Deadline for reservations is April 1, however early reservations are strongly recommended. For additional information go the SEAIOI website at <http://www.seaioi.org>.

The Structural Engineers Foundation (SEF) will be hosting its 2005 Spring Lecture on Tuesday, April 19th, at the Union League Club, 65 W. Jackson Boulevard, Chicago. The presentation topic will be the Federal Building and Fire Safety Investigation of the World Trade Center Disaster, presented by Dr. S. Shyam Sunder, Acting Deputy Director and Lead Investigator of the Building and Fire Research Laboratory at NIST. The reception and program are free of charge and open to the public, however reservations are required. Call 312/649-4600 to make your reservations today

A Call for Session Proposals has been released for the inaugural Structural Engineers' Buildings Conference & Expo scheduled for December 1 & 2 at The Fairmont Hotel, Chicago. The program, sponsored by *Structural Engineer* magazine, will be dedicated to helping structural engineers win and successfully complete projects involving the

design and construction of buildings - from residential, multi-purpose and commercial buildings, to institutional and industrial buildings. Deadline for proposals is April 1. For more information contact Dr. Michael Scheibach, Conference Director, at 816-350-2049 or via email at mscheibach@zweigwhite.com.

In Memoriam – Over the last month the Council was saddened to learn of the deaths of several members. Mr. Ignacio Martin, formerly of CMA Architects & Engineers, San Juan, passed away on November 1, 2004. Mr. Martin was a long-time Steering Group member of the Council and served as its chairman from 1990 to 1993. Mr. Richard T. Baum, formerly of Jaros Baum & Bolles, New York, passed away on January 30, 2005. Mr. Baum was a long-time member of the Steering Group and also served on the Council’s Directorship Endowment Advisory Committee. Mr. Abdelrahim Abdussalam, former employee of the Council, passed away on January 30, 2005. Rahim, as he was known, assisted the Council during the 2001 London conference and the CTBUH 6th World Congress in Melbourne.

Plan to attend:

- March 11, 2005. Conference on “Birds & Buildings: Creating a Safer Environment”.
<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. <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. <http://www.cibklutm.com>

- April 20-24, 2005. The Structural Engineering Institute of ASCE’s 2005 Structures Congress on “Metropolis & Beyond” in New York. Special early registration ends March 18. <http://www.seiinstitute.org>

- 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. <http://www.aia.org>

- 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.

As you can see, the Council is as busy as ever. With the 7th World Congress fast approaching, we hope you will make a special effort to participate in some way. Sponsorship, exhibition space and speaking opportunities still exist but are filling up quickly. Please contact the Council in the near future so you don’t miss out on this extraordinary opportunity.

Sincerely,

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