

CTBUH Update - May 2005

Dear Colleagues:

Everyone should have received a copy of the new CTBUH Tall Building News Bulletin. The bulletin will be distributed monthly to CTBUH members only. Make sure your membership is up to date to continue receiving this newsworthy bulletin. Once again, special thanks to Antony Wood of the University of Nottingham and CTBUH's new Vice Chairman of Research, for creating this new member benefit.

7th WORLD CONGRESS UPDATE

June 15th is the deadline for early bird registration **AND** the special registration/hotel package. Sign up today to take advantage of special savings. For your convenience and ease in making reservations, online registration and hotel reservation forms can be found on the Council's website at <http://www.ctbuh.org>.

CTBUH would greatly appreciate your early registration as it will allow us to advance the planning process and offer additional benefits to Congress delegates.

A listing of all confirmed speakers can now be found on the Council's website. Don't miss the special presentations which will be made by the Owner and Design/Construction teams for Taipei 101 (World's Tallest Building) and the Burj Dubai (the next World's Tallest?).

We would like to thank everyone who submitted an abstract in response to the open call for papers. The abstracts are being reviewed and notification of selection will be made by July 1.

The deadline for Call for Nominations for the Lynn S. Beedle Achievement Award and the Fazlur Rahman Khan Medal is June 1. If you are planning on making a nomination please do so today by emailing Awards Committee Chairman John Zils at john.zils@som.com.

The Council was shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden passing of Norman D. Kurtz on May 13th. Founder and chairman of Flack + Kurtz, Mr. Kurtz worked on numerous high-profile building projects including the Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; several projects at Canary Wharf in London and the Hearst Headquarters, currently under construction in New York City. Mr. Kurtz was also an active participant in several CTBUH World Congresses and had been scheduled to present at the upcoming 7th World Congress in New York.

Plan to attend:

- June 6-10, 2005. NFPA World Safety Conference & Expo at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center, Las Vegas, Nevada. Over 140 education sessions in 10 education tracks including: Building & Life Safety, Detection & Suppression, and Premises Security. <http://www.nfpa.org/wsce>

- June 11, 2005. SEA0I Annual Banquet and presentation of the Excellence in Structural Engineering Awards on board the Odyssey at Navy Pier, Chicago, beginning at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$130 per person. For reservations contact Donna Childs at 312/649-4600 ext. 200. <http://www.seaoi.org>

- October 16-19, 2005. CTBUH Seventh World Congress on "Renewing the Urban Landscape" in New York, NY. Visit the Council's website for updates as the program progresses. <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. Themes include policies and planning of tall buildings; innovative analysis and design, construction techniques and

materials for super tall buildings; sustainable tall buildings development and environmental concerns; security, management, health and safety challenges for tall buildings' occupants; and social and economic aspects of tall residential buildings. <http://www.hku.hk/civil/conference/ictb6/>

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