

## CTBUH Update - July 2005

Dear Colleagues:

### 7<sup>th</sup> WORLD CONGRESS UPDATE

As you know, for 2005 the CTBUH Awards Dinner will be a part of the Congress activities. We are pleased to announce that this year's honorees are Dr. Alan G. Davenport, recipient of the Lynn S. Beedle Achievement Award, and Dr. Werner Sobek, recipient of the Fazlur Rahman Khan Medal.

Dr. Davenport is Professor Emeritus and former Chairman of the Civil Engineering Group for The University of Western Ontario and is the founder and director of the Boundary Layer Wind Tunnel Laboratory. Established in 1965, the laboratory received early recognition and prominence for its research in wind engineering. In his research interests Dr. Davenport has pioneered in the application of boundary layer wind tunnels to the design of wind sensitive structures and the description of urban wind climates. He also contributed to the fields of meteorology, environmental loads, structural dynamics and earthquake loading.

Dr. Sobek served as the director of the Institute for Structural Design and Building Methods at the University of Hanover, Germany, currently serves as director of the Institute for Lightweight Structures and of the Central Laboratory for Structural Engineering at the University of Stuttgart and is the founder of Werner Sobek Ingenieure, in Stuttgart. Dr. Sobek is best known for his ground-breaking structural designs, challenging the typical design norms, and for working in a highly collaborative relationship with renowned design architects such as Helmut Jahn.

Also planned for the dinner program is a special tribute to Mr. Norman D. Kurtz, founder and chairman of Flack + Kurtz, who passed away unexpectedly in May of this year.

For those who are speaking at the Congress, we want to remind you that papers are due next week in order to be included in the proceedings. In addition, if you haven't already done so, please be sure to register. We also need your abstract, bio and head shot for inclusion in the printed program. Please contact Angela Gottula at [agottula@mka.com](mailto:agottula@mka.com) with any questions or problems.

There are a limited number of rooms still available at the Congress rate of US\$228/night so please be sure to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible. If you registered for the package deal, a reservation of three nights is required in order to receive the special registration rate. For any questions or concerns please contact Geri Kery at [gkery@ctbuh.org](mailto:gkery@ctbuh.org).

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The Council would like to congratulate several of its members on receiving 2005 Excellence in Structural Engineering Awards from the Structural Engineers Association of Illinois. Architect Cesar Pelli & Associates, Best Large Structure for the Ratner Athletics Center in Chicago; Baldrige & Associates, Best Small Structure for the BASE Hanger System in Oahu; Magnusson Klemencic Associates, Most Innovative Structure for the Seattle Central Library in Seattle; Halvorson & Kaye Structural Engineers, Award of Merit (Large Structure) for the Hyatt Center in Chicago; Skidmore Owings & Merrill, Award of Merit (Large Structure) for the Jay Pritzker Pavilion & BP Bridge at Millennium Park in Chicago.

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Plan to attend:

- September 14-17, 2005. IABSE Symposium on "Structures and Extreme Events" in Lisbon, Portugal. Sessions will deal with case studies and measures taken by structural engineers during design, construction, operation and maintenance in order to deal with extreme events such as natural disasters and environmental changes. <http://www.iabse.org/conferences/lisbon2005/index.php>.

- October 16-19, 2005. CTBUH Seventh World Congress on "Renewing the Urban Landscape" in New York, NY. Visit the Council's website for a list of confirmed speakers and other information. <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](mailto:dingdajun@seu.edu.cn).

- December 6-8, 2005. 6<sup>th</sup> 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/>

- 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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