

CTBUH Update - August 2005

Dear Colleagues:

7th WORLD CONGRESS UPDATE

Now that summer is coming to an end, it's back to business. October will be here before you know it so make sure you send in your congress registration sooner rather than later.

A copy of the latest program is attached for your information. As you will see it is about 95% confirmed and is filled with many interesting topics, including presentations on the current world's tallest (Taipei 101) and the future world's tallest (Burj Dubai); a panel discussion on LEED-rated tall buildings; a session on the NIST World Trade Center Final Report; and a session on safety which will include S. Shyam Sunder of NIST, Sally Regenhard of the Skyscraper Safety Campaign and Jon D. Magnusson of Magnusson Klemencic Associates. The Congress will conclude with a presentation by David Childs and the Lower Manhattan development team, highlighting progress on the Freedom Tower and the on-going redevelopment efforts.

Keynote speakers -- Monday: Joshua Prince-Ramus of the Office for Metropolitan Architecture; Tuesday: Craig Gibbons of Arup, and Wednesday: a special panel consisting of Alastair Collins of Davis Langdon & Seah International, Fred Pilbrow of Kohn Pedersen Fox, Ziona Strelitz of ZZA and Brian Glover of Arup.

Once again, for anyone who is speaking at the Congress, if you haven't yet submitted your abstract, bio or head shot, please do so immediately. The printed program will be going to press the first week of September and our goal is to have a page for every speaker. Please contact Angela Gottula at agottula@mka.com with any questions or problems. In addition, if you were planning to submit a paper, that will also be going to press the first week of September. For questions on papers please contact Geri Kery at gkery@ctbuh.org.

The number of available rooms in the block are going quickly so if you want to take advantage of the special room rate we urge you to do so at your earliest convenience. The going rate for rooms at the Marriott outside of the block are approximately \$400/night, making our \$228/night offer a great deal. For those who have taken advantage of the special registration/hotel package deal, you need to book a room for three nights or you will be required to make up the difference between the package registration rate and the full registration rate (approximately \$200). For any questions or concerns please contact Geri Kery at gkery@ctbuh.org.

There will be a limited number of seats available for the CTBUH 4th Annual Awards Banquet being held, this year, in conjunction with the 7th World Congress. The 2005 honorees are Dr. Alan G. Davenport (Lynn S. Beedle Achievement Award) and Dr. Werner Sobek (Fazlur Rahman Khan Medal). In addition, there will be a special tribute to Norman D. Kurtz. If you are not planning to attend the congress but would like to receive an invitation to the banquet please contact Geri Kery at gkery@ctbuh.org.

Plan to attend:

- September 13, 2005. Structural Engineers Association of Illinois (SEAOI) Dinner Meeting at Lawrey's in Chicago. Cocktails begin at 5:15 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm and a presentation at 7:00 pm on the Design of the Leonard P. Zakim Bunker Hill Bridge. Cost is \$40 SEAOI members, \$45 non-members. Reservations required. Contact Donna Childs at 312-649-4600 or office@seaoi.org by September 9th.

- 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 4, 2005. SEAOI Dinner Meeting at the 410 Club, Wrigley Building, 410 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago. Cocktails begin at 5:15, followed by dinner at 6:00 pm. At 7:00 pm representatives of Halvorson Kay will make a special presentation on Madrid's Torre Repsol building. Upon its completion in 2007, Torre Repsol will be the tallest building in Spain. For reservations contact Donna Childs at 312-649-4600 or office@seaoi.org by September 30th.

- 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.

- 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/>

- 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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