

## CTBUH Update – August 2006

Dear Colleagues:

Congratulations to Ken Yeang and Hal Iyengar, who are the winners of the CTBUH annual Lynn S. Beedle Achievement Award and the Fazlur Rahman Khan Medal, respectively. More details are given below.

Congratulations also to Geri Kery, our Director of Operations who celebrates, this month, 25 years of working for the Council. Over the last 25 years Geri has worked her way up through the ranks to become our Operations Manager and she now leads the day to day operations of the Council. Geri's current focus is finalizing the details of the October International Conference to be held in Chicago.

We have received a strong International response for the October Conference with delegates coming from around the globe, including Australia, Greece, Hong Kong, China, Korea, around Europe and throughout the Middle East. The two main objectives of the conference are networking and education. This conference will be the first to really focus on all the issues and opportunities associated with these articulated towers.

The strong international interest in this conference is probably a reflection of the fact that the international construction market is acting more like a single market than ever before and because there is a real worldwide interest in the innovative design and construction techniques that are being used to create these unconventional towers. We expect that the conference will offer some excellent opportunities for networking with the attendance of senior staff from developers, contractors, architects, engineers and the press. On the educational side, each attendee is expected to receive at least 10 ~12 Continuing Education hours. Organizational Members should note that all their staff is entitled to the full member discount, and this conference will be an excellent opportunity for your senior staff to learn and meet others in the industry.

If you wish to receive the "early bird" discount, **book now!** by contacting [gkery@ctbuh.org](mailto:gkery@ctbuh.org) or by downloading the form on our main web site.

We have an excellent team of speakers of world renowned architects, international developers, engineers and building specialists, all of whom will talk about the issues associated with tapered, tilted and twisted towers. Visit our web site at <http://www.ctbuh.org> to see the detail program.

The conference will be combined with and an exhibition of CTBUH members work entitled "Out-of-the-Box". We are also providing opportunities for exhibitors to display details. For more details see below.

I look forward to seeing you in Chicago in October.

Sincerely,

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Principal, Arup  
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### \* \* \* CTBUH NEWS \* \* \*

**Search Begins for 2006 Top Building Projects.** The Council has begun compiling its list of the Top Ten Tallest Building Projects Completed in 2006. To be eligible for consideration, buildings must be completed in 2006, be fully clad, and either be "open for business" or at least partially occupied.

A beginning list is attached for your review. If you have information on, or have been involved in, any buildings that are included on the list, or other buildings that would fall into the above category, please contact Geri Kery at [gkery@ctbuh.org](mailto:gkery@ctbuh.org). Information we are looking for includes:

- Name and location of the building
- Height (in feet and meters) and number of stories

- Building use
- Building professionals (developer, architect, structural engineer and mechanical engineer)
- Photo of the building, with photo credit and permission for reprinting

The formal announcement of the top ten projects for 2006 will be made in December 2006.

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**October 25-26, Conference Update – “Thinking Outside the Box – Tapered, Tilted, Twisted Towers”.** The program for the conference is now located on the web site. We are very pleased to have a great panel of speakers with some world renowned architects, engineers and developers.

Plans are underway for a panel exhibit of works that fit the 'tapered, twisted, tilted' theme to be displayed in the Hermann Hall Gallery during the conference. Panels should be 20x30 inches in size, mounted on poster board. Panels will be attached to foam board with foam tape. Allowance is up to 2 panels per entry, uniformly designed in either portrait or landscape. A limited number of panel spaces are available, with priority being given to Organizational Members. Any CTBUH members with a possible interest in displaying should contact Geri Kery at [gkery@ctbuh.org](mailto:gkery@ctbuh.org) for further discussion. Though we will do our best to accommodate all members who want to exhibit, depending on number of entries, we can't guarantee all work will be shown.

**Early bird registration ends August 31.** Take advantage of the discounted fee by registering today!

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**CTBUH Awards Dinner – Honorees Announced.** We are pleased to announce that this year's honorees are Dr. Kenneth Yeang, recipient of the Lynn S. Beedle Achievement Award, and Mr. Srinivasa 'Hal' Iyengar, recipient of the Fazlur Rahman Khan Medal.

Ken Yeang is a prolific Malaysian architect and writer specializing in the designing of signature 'green' ecologically-responsive large buildings and master plans, and has pioneered a new genre of tall buildings, commonly referred to as the "bioclimatic skyscraper". Dr. Yeang is principal of the architectural firm T. R. Hamzah & Yeang, Kuala Lumpur, and in 2005 became a director of the multidisciplinary firm Llewelyn Davies Yeang, London.

Hal Iyengar had a profound impact on the architecture of Skidmore Owings & Merrill LLP through his technical expertise and his conviction that powerful and heroic building structures can, under the right circumstances, be the basis of a purer design aesthetic by being themselves the focus of architecture. Mr. Iyengar contributed his talents to such well-known ultra-tall buildings as the John Hancock Center and the Sears Tower.

The CTBUH 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Dinner will be held on October 26 at the Illinois Institute of Technology's S. R. Crown Hall. Seating is limited, so make your reservation early. For more information or an invitation contact Geri Kery at [gkery@ctbuh.org](mailto:gkery@ctbuh.org).

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**Progressive Collapse – Working Group Update.** Co-Chair Craig Gibbons would like to thank the members for their response to this initiative. "It is reassuring to note that we have received offers of contribution from leading members of the tall building community world wide. Myself and Bob will be collating the feedback and intend to give regular reports on the progress."

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**New Members.** The Council welcomes Hyder Consulting as an Organizational Member at Donor Level. Hyder is a global engineering, design, environmental and management company with over 3,500 staff operating in a wide range of markets. They are extensively involved in a variety of tall buildings, including Burj Dubai, destined to become the tallest building in the world <http://www.hyderconsulting.com>.

Also, a welcome goes to the Architectural Institute of Korea at the Participant level. Founded in 1945, the AIK collaborates with other organizations to further the advancement and development of architectural innovations <http://www.aik.or.kr>.

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**101 Tallest Buildings Book Now in Stock.** The Council's newest release, *101 of the World's Tallest Buildings* is now in stock for immediate distribution. Featuring 101 of the world's tallest buildings in full color, this large-format book will look great in your reception area or on your coffee table, and is a must-have for tall building professionals and enthusiasts alike. Visit the Council's website to order your copy today. CTBUH members in good standing receive a 25% discount off of the US\$70 purchase price.

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**Meet the New CTBUH Country Representatives.** To continue introducing you to some of the Council's new country leaders:

Australia – **Brett Taylor** is the Director of Bornhorst + Ward Consulting Engineers, Brisbane <http://www.bornhorstward.com.au>, specializing in the structural design of high-rise buildings. Brett is also President of the Australian Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat, based in Brisbane. Email: [b.taylor@bornhorstward.com.au](mailto:b.taylor@bornhorstward.com.au).

The Netherlands – **Jan N. J. A. Vambersky** is Senior Partner and Managing Director of Corsmit Consulting Engineers, Rijswijk <http://www.corsmit.nl>, where he spends a good part of his time on structural design of buildings. Email: [jv@corsmit.nl](mailto:jv@corsmit.nl).

Turkey – **Husamettin Alper** taught structures courses and supervised MS theses at universities in Turkey and Jordan before beginning his work with Arup Muhendislik ve Musavirlik Ltd. Sti, Istanbul <http://www.arup.com>. Email: [husamettin.alper@arup.com](mailto:husamettin.alper@arup.com).

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**In Passing.** The Council received word of the passing of long-time Council member, Mr. John F. J. Norris of J. Norris & Associates, Carlisle, Canada. Mr. Norris passed away in February after a five month illness.

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**Call for Papers Announced for “Talking Tall” Conference.** Taylor and Francis Events, in association with CTBUH, will be holding its second annual conference on “Talking Tall - Sustainable Planning, Design, Development and Construction of Tall Buildings”. This two-day event will bring together building professionals to discuss how tall buildings can be a sustainable and viable solution to urban renewal. Key speakers include CTBUH Executive Director Antony Wood and CTBUH Country Leader for the United Kingdom, Alastair Collins.

An invitation has been issued for a call for papers and posters from colleagues around the world that address the conference theme of sustainability covering the topics of urban planning and design in architecture, environmental issues, structure and fire safety, façade and materials, and financial aspects. Deadline for receipt of abstracts is August 31. For more information please email Sally Cooper at [sally.cooper@informa.com](mailto:sally.cooper@informa.com).

The conference will be held September 25 & 26, 2006 at the Millennium Gloucester Hotel, London, United Kingdom. CTBUH members may receive a GBP100 discount on registration by quoting the code VO100 when booking. For registration and additional information go to <http://www.tandfevents.com/talkingtall2>.

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**SEAOI Installs New Officers.** Congratulations to Thomas McCluskey on being installed as the new president of the Structural Engineers Association of Illinois. Other offices include David Bibbs as president-elect, Steven A. Elver as treasurer, and Ralph M. Calistro as secretary. As the new president, Mr. McCluskey's agenda includes four major focuses – continuing the efforts to increase membership participation in committee activities, assigning some of the goals identified by the Long Range Planning committee to other committees for implementation, improving communications and increased involvement between SEAOI and the Structural Engineers Political Action Committee, and working to maintain the close association with the National Structural Engineer's Association.

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**\* \* \* PLAN TO ATTEND \* \* \***

- September 10-14, 2006. National Association of Elevator Contractors 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, Orlando, Florida. <http://www.naec.org>
- September 25-26, 2006. Taylor and Francis' Conference on "Talking Tall – Sustainable planning, design, development and construction of tall buildings", London. <http://www.tandfevents.com/talkingtall2>.
- October 3, 2006. SEAIO Dinner Meeting at the 410 Club, Wrigley Building, 410 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago. Guest speaker Lindsay Anderson of Lindsay Anderson Consulting will report on the results of the analysis done on the March 2002 John Hancock Center Scaffold Tragedy. Open to the public, reservations required. Cost: SEAIO Members \$45, non-members \$55. For reservations contact Donna Childs, at 312-649-4600 ext. 200, by September 29<sup>th</sup>.
- October 15-22, 2006. 2006 AIA Northwest & Pacific Region Conference and AIA Committee on Design Fall Conference on "Pacific Crossings", Hong Kong and Shanghai. <http://www.aiahk.org>
- October 19, 2006. International Congress on "Fire Safety in Tall Buildings" presented by GIDAI Fire Safety Research & Technology, University of Cantabria, Santander, Spain. <http://grupos.unican.es/GIDAI>
- **October 25-26, 2006. CTBUH conference on "Thinking Outside the Box – Tapered, Twisted, Tilted Towers", Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois. <http://www.ctbuh.org>**
- **October 26, 2006. Fifth Annual CTBUH Awards Dinner, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago, Illinois.**
- November 8-9, 2006. International Conference on Construct in Steel – the Next 50 Years, organized by the Southern African Institute of Steel Construction, Johannesburg, South Africa. <http://www.saisc.co.za>

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