



RIAS | The Royal Incorporation
of Architects in Scotland

Influence at the Intersection

ART | ARCHITECTURE | LIGHT | LANDSCAPE

RIAS Convention, Edinburgh, 8-10 May 2008

The **RIAS Convention**, the single most significant event in the Incorporation's annual calendar, is also one of the largest architectural conferences in Europe.

This year's Convention considers 'Influence at the Intersection', with speakers representing an extraordinary breadth of experience in art, architecture, light and landscape. World figures, including **Peter Eisenman**, **Charles Jencks** and the philosopher **Alain de Botton** will contribute alongside Scots whose impact has been truly international and others from the UK and Europe whose work is helping to set the agenda for our changing planet.

The Convention will run from Thursday until Saturday. The Thursday daytime seminar at RIAS, 'Conservation and Sustainability – conflict or challenge?' will be co-hosted by the Scottish Ecological Design Association and the RIAS

Conservation Committee (11am-4pm). One of our key sponsors, Bank of Scotland, will welcome delegates to a drinks reception on Thursday evening in their Edinburgh HQ at The Mound (numbers highly restricted – early booking essential). The main event is of course **Convention Friday** (see over).

This year sees the much requested revival of the guided **RIAS Saturday Tours**. To celebrate we have invited tour guides of the highest calibre – Charles McKean (1930s Edinburgh), Sebastian Tombs (Place Making and Sustainability) and Ian Wall (Edinburgh Park and Gogarburn). Charles Jencks, one of our keynote speakers, has also kindly agreed to lead a tour to a number of Maggie's Centres.

Edinburgh International Climbing Arena, near Ratho, is the dramatic setting for this year's Convention – an unmissable opportunity for CPD and invigorating networking!

World-class speakers



Eisenman



de Botton



Jencks

Alain de Botton

Alain de Botton's essayistic books refer both to his own experiences and ideas - and those of artists, philosophers and thinkers. His writing has been termed a 'philosophy of everyday life'. De Botton's latest book, *The Architecture of Happiness* discusses questions of beauty and ugliness in architecture. Born in Zurich, de Botton now lives in London and preoccupies himself with writing, teaching and advocating the importance of getting architecture right.

Peter Eisenman

An architect and educator, Eisenman's award-winning, large-scale housing, urban design projects, innovative educational work, and inventive private houses attest to an extraordinary career. Eisenman Architects' current projects include a one-million-square-foot cultural complex, the City of Culture of Galicia in Santiago de Compostela, Spain (including two museums, two libraries, and a music theatre); two railroad stations in Pompei, housing in Tenerife, and a masterplan for Pozzuoli, Italy. Among Eisenman's award-winning projects are his 'Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe' in Berlin, the Wexner Center for the Visual Arts and Fine Arts Library at The Ohio State University in Columbus and the Koizumi Sangyo Corporation headquarters building in Tokyo.

Eelco Hooftman

Co-founder with Bridgit Baines of GROSS. MAX. Landscape Architects, an Edinburgh based landscape architecture practice recognised for a design philosophy that is refreshingly no-nonsense. GROSS. MAX.'s strong affinity with art has resulted in a range of collaborations with artists and the practice has won three Royal Society of the Arts "Art for Architecture" Awards.

Charles Jencks

Charles Jencks' landscape work is inspired by fractals, genetics, chaos theory, waves and solitons. He designed the award-winning Landform at the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art and further expanded on these themes in his own private garden, the Garden of Cosmic Speculation, near Dumfries. His late wife, Maggie Keswick Jencks, was the founder of the Maggie's cancer caring centres, for which Dr. Jencks has designed gardens.

Professor Kathryn Moore

Based at the Birmingham Institute of Art and Design, UCE, Professor Moore is a Past President of the Landscape Institute and a renowned practitioner and theorist whose work includes consultancy alongside Martha Schwartz and advanced landscape theory.

Dominic Papa

Papa is one of the current new wave of architectural theorists. He is co-founder of S333 Architecture & Urbanism, Amsterdam London, having previously worked at Terry Farrell and Company and Wiel Arets Architects. S333's design approach crosses the boundaries of architecture, landscape design and urban design.

Jonathan Speirs

Co-founder of LDP in 1984, Speirs is now a co-director in Speirs and Major Associates. His lighting projects include Copenhagen Opera House, Gateshead Millennium Bridge, the Millennium Dome and the Burg Al Arab, Dubai.

Adrian Wiszniewski

One of the new generation of Glasgow Boys, Wiszniewski's work across media as varied as neon and tapestry, painting and sculpture, ceramics and printmaking is internationally acclaimed. Best known as a figurative artist he has also worked on major mural commissions and the sculptural gateway for Glasgow Green. His work can be found in major public collections including M.O.M.A. New York, Tate, London and Setegaya, Tokyo.

George Wyllie

Sculptor extraordinaire, Wyllie's work includes the Straw Locomotive (Glasgow), the Paper Boat (international) and the Salmon and the Weir (Coleraine). He is also a writer and playwright. Wyllie has won British Council, London Evening Standard and Glasgow Lord Provost's awards.

Detailed information on all our speakers can be found on the RIAS website at www.rias.org.uk under RIAS Events.

Programme

Thursday 8 May

11am-4pm: RIAS Conservation Committee and SEDA seminar – ‘Conservation and Sustainability – conflict or challenge?’
RIAS, 15 Rutland Square, Edinburgh.

6.30pm: Welcome Reception
Bank of Scotland, The Mound, Edinburgh.

Friday 9 May

9.00am-5.50pm: RIAS AGM and Convention
All Friday events at Edinburgh International Climbing Arena, near Ratho. RIAS will provide coach transport between 15 Rutland Square and Edinburgh International Climbing Arena.

8.00am: AGM registration opens
9.00am-9.30am: RIAS AGM
10.00am: Convention opens
12.30pm-2pm: Lunch
5.50pm: Convention closes

6pm: Drinks Reception
All delegates are invited to a drinks reception in the stimulating setting of the climbing arena itself.

6.30pm-7.30pm: Fringe Event
Pecha Kucha (pronounced ‘pe-cha-cha’ - anglicised Japanese for chit-chat) – presented by Gordon Duffy and Rebecca Wober, Studio DuB.
More info at www.pechakucha.org

Shower and changing facilities are available at the venue! Lockers are also available at a £1 charge.

RIAS Party Time!

8-10pm: Dinner
Three course dinner with wine and coffee featuring a charity auction in aid of the Architects Benevolent Society and an **Architectural Quiz** – flex your brain muscles and win cash prizes.

10pm: Live Music & Dancing

Midnight: Coaches
We will provide coach transport to Riccarton, Corstorphine hotels and 15 Rutland Square.

Saturday 10 May

The **Saturday Tours** will all leave from RIAS at 15 Rutland Square, Edinburgh at 10am. Please assemble from 9am at RIAS for croissants and bucks fizz.

Please note there is limited availability on all events. Places for all events will be allocated strictly on a first come first served basis. We advise early booking.

Redefining ‘social climbing’

Party with RIAS!

Yes, it will be social (very) and, yes, there will be climbing (as you’ll see on the night) but the RIAS is determined that this year’s Convention will be a strictly egalitarian event.

All delegates are invited to a drinks reception amid the drama of the climbing arena. This will follow the Convention at 6pm (included in the price of your Convention ticket).

On Friday evening we are also hosting what will be this year’s most talked about event, our evening party and dinner - the most fun-filled architectural night of the year.

A sumptuous three-course dinner will be followed by performance, live dance music and chill out areas. The evening will also feature a unique Scottish architectural quiz, with cash prizes, other architectural highlights and a charity auction in support of the RIAS’ nominated charity, the Architects Benevolent Society.

RIAS accommodation

The RIAS has secured discounted accommodation (B & B and free parking) at the nearby Edinburgh Conference Centre at the Heriot-Watt University Campus, Riccarton, Edinburgh, EH14 4AS. We will provide coach transport between the climbing arena and Riccarton. This B & B accommodation (single room with full Scottish breakfast) can be booked for only £27.23 +VAT (£32).

Other accommodation options

Please book direct. The RIAS will provide coach transport from the evening party at the climbing arena to Corstorphine hotels. Travel arrangements to other hotels are at delegates’ own discretion.

Norton House (4 Star), Ingilston, Edinburgh, EH28 8LX
www.hand-picked.co.uk/nortonhouse
Rooms from £180. Call 0845 072 7468 or book online.

Marriott Dalmahoy (4 Star), Kirknewton, Edinburgh, EH27 8EB
www.marriottdalmahoy.co.uk
Rooms from £120. Call 0131 333 1845 or book online.

Edinburgh Marriott (4 star), 111 Glasgow Rd, Edinburgh, EH12 8NF
www.edinburghmarriott.co.uk
Rooms from £100. Call 0131 334 9191 or book online.

Dakota Forth Bridge (4 Star), Queensferry, Edinburgh, EH30 9QZ
www.dakotaforthbridge.co.uk
Rooms from £99. Call 0870 423 4293 or book online.

Corstorphine Hotels (3 Star): incorporating Cumberland Hotel, Corstorphine Lodge Hotel and Corstorphine House
www.corstorphinehotels.co.uk
Please quote ‘RIAS Convention’ when booking, Rooms from £69 (including breakfast). Call 0131 539 4237.

Directions

For a map and travel information for the Edinburgh International Climbing Arena visit www.eica-ratho.com. Travel information will also be issued to delegates on receipt of booking.

Delegate booking and payment

Fax both pages to 0131 228 2188 or post to the RIAS, 15 Rutland Square, Edinburgh, EH1 2BE.

Bookings can also be taken by phone. Call 0131 229 7545 and ask for the Events Team.

Availability is limited for all events. Places will be allocated on a strictly first come first served basis.

SEDA and RIAS Conservation Committee Seminar *Conservation and Sustainability – conflict or challenge?*

Thursday 8th May, RIAS, 15 Rutland Square, Edinburgh, EH1 2BE, 11am – 4pm (includes sandwich lunch)

RIAS member £5 + £0.88 VAT (£5.88) No. of tickets _____ Total cost £ _____

Non-member £10+ £1.75 VAT (£11.75) No. of tickets _____ Total cost £ _____

Welcome Reception

Thursday 8th May, Bank of Scotland, the Mound, Edinburgh, 18.00 – 20.00. Free.

Booking is strictly limited and we cannot guarantee places.

No. of tickets (maximum of 4) _____

RIAS Convention: ‘Influence at the Intersection; art, architecture, light, landscape’

Friday 9th May, Edinburgh International Climbing Arena, near Ratho

The RIAS will provide coach transport between 15 Rutland Square and the climbing arena.

Please note - the Convention and Party prices are generously supported by our sponsors. Day Delegates: 10.00am-5.50pm (RIAS AGM at 9.00am-9.30am). Prices include two-course buffet lunch, convention refreshments and a post-convention drinks reception.

RIAS members £99 + £17.33 VAT (£116.33) No. of tickets _____ Total cost £ _____

RIAS concessionary £75 + £13.13 VAT (£88.13) No. of tickets _____ Total cost £ _____

RIAS student member £19 +£3.33 VAT (£22.33) No. of tickets _____ Total cost £ _____

Non-member rate £150 + £26.25 VAT (£176.25) No. of tickets _____ Total cost £ _____

Delegate name(s) _____

(Please print)

Accommodation

Limited B&B accommodation is available at Edinburgh Conference Centre at Heriot Watt University campus, Riccarton, Edinburgh, E14 4AS at the discounted rate of £27.23 + VAT (£32). RIAS will provide coach transport between Riccarton campus and the climbing arena. RIAS will also provide coach transport to Corstorphine hotels. Other accommodation and transport arrangements are at delegates own discretion. There is plentiful parking at the venue.

No. of rooms _____ Total cost £ _____

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RIAS Party and Dinner, EICA

Friday 9th May, EICA, 8.00pm-midnight

Price includes, three-course dinner with coffee and wine. Party features live music and chill out areas. Dress code: casual

RIAS member rate	£50 + £8.75 VAT (£58.75)	No. of tickets _____	Total cost £ _____
Non-member rate	£60 + £10.50 VAT (£70.50)	No. of tickets _____	Total cost £ _____
Guest name(s) <i>(Please print)</i>	_____	_____	_____
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Saturday Tours

Please number your choices in order of preference, with '1' indicating first choice. Places will be allocated on a strictly first come first served basis.

		Preference (1-4)	No. of places	
Charles McKean: 1930s Edinburgh	£15 + £2.63 VAT (£17.63)	_____	_____	Total cost £ _____
Sebastian Tombs: Place making and Sustainability	£15 + £2.63 VAT (£17.63)	_____	_____	Total cost £ _____
Ian Wall: RBS HQ at Gogarburn+ Edinburgh Park	£15 + £2.63 VAT (£17.63)	_____	_____	Total cost £ _____
Charles Jencks: Tour of Maggie's Centres	£25 + £4.38 VAT (£29.38)	_____	_____	Total cost £ _____

TOTAL COST (inc VAT) £ _____

Payment

Payment must be received in full to confirm your reservation.

I enclose payment by cheque for £ _____ made payable to Royal Incorporation of Architects in Scotland.

I authorise RIAS to deduct from my card the amount indicated on the booking form.

Mastercard Visa Maestro Card number _____ Security code ___ (last 3 digits on reverse of card)

Start date __/__/__ Expiry date __/__/__ Name of card holder: _____

Booking made by:

(Please print)

Title _____ First name _____ Surname _____ Email _____

Organisation/practice _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ Telephone _____ Fax _____

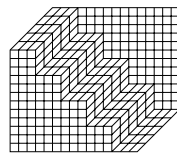
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Conditions of booking

- The closing date for bookings is Friday 02 May 2007.
- Once booked tickets are not refundable. Delegate name changes accepted up to Friday 02 May 2007.
- The RIAS reserves the right to change times, speakers and venue in exceptional circumstances.
- If you have any queries about your booking or the RIAS Convention programme, please contact Sharon McCord, Communications and Events Manager, on 0131 229 7545 or email convention@rias.org.uk

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