

## RIBA Publishes Climate Change Guidance

The Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) unveiled a suite of climate change guidance documents for architects and consumers on 18 October 2007. The guidance documents, known collectively as the RIBA Climate Change Toolkit, are primarily aimed at the construction industry though the first guide in the series the Climate Change Briefing is designed to have a broad, non-professional appeal.

The RIBA's Climate Change Toolkit is downloadable as a PDF from [www.architecture.com/climatechange](http://www.architecture.com/climatechange). Copies are available on request from [ewan.willars@inst.riba.org](mailto:ewan.willars@inst.riba.org) or by calling the RIBA Members Information Line on 020 7307 3800.

## 2007 RIBA International Conference

The 2007 RIBA International Conference took place in Oscar Niemeyer's amazing headquarters of the French Communist Party - a building rarely opened to the public. Speakers included leading international architects Jean Nouvel, Will Alsop, Mike Davies, Odile Decq, Spencer de Grey, Rafael Vinoly, Jean Nouvel, Richard Saxon and Sunand Prasad and Oscar Niemeyer addressed the conference via video. As usual there were also receptions in interesting venues: the Pompidou Centre where Mike Davies, one of the original architects, gave a talk and the new Cité de l'Architecture et Patrimoine, Europe's largest architecture centre. And there were tours of the best new architecture in Paris and its environs. But perhaps the thing which most distinguished this year's conference was the number of young people there, thanks largely to Foster + Partners who generously funded a young architects' bursary scheme

Tony Chapman

## Knowledge Communities

The RIBA has plans to build knowledge communities across the membership. These will be in the areas of planning, sustainability/ combating climate change, conservation, education, health and housing. We are currently looking to set up an Education & Outreach regional forum. If you are interested in joining and contributing to a regional forum on any of these topics, please contact the Regional Office

## RIBA Northern Network CPD Club

The Club is a partnership initiative between RIBA East Midlands, RIBA North East, RIBA North West, RIBA West Midlands and RIBA Yorkshire.

The CPD Club provides a structured approach to training and development for architects and other construction professionals to enable them to fulfill their development obligations. The Club Membership lasts for 12 months and covers 11 seminars. The following benefits are offered to all construction professionals:

- A free place at each of the 11 Club Events
- Free documentation and refreshments at each event
- Discount price of £40 for one additional guest at each event
- Free transfer of your place to a participating region
- Complementary CPD newsletter
- Discounted rates at additional regional CPD events
- Priority in other regional CPD services
- Two small practices can share the benefits
- 33 hours accredited RIBA Core Curriculum training

You can join the CPD Club by contacting the Regional Office. A Club Membership season ticket costs £385 plus VAT (£452.38) for RIBA practices and £550 plus VAT (£646.25) for others.

## RIBA Awards Presentations

### RSC Courtyard Theatre National Award Winner



Sunand Prasad, President RIBA; Dirk Groenvelde, Van Dam; Lady Sainsbury (representing RSC); Ian Ritchie, Ian Ritchie Architects Ltd; Mary King, Chair RIBA WM

### Redbrook Hayes School



Sunand Prasad, President RIBA; Elisa Engel, Walters & Cohen; Neil Myers, Moss Construction; Clare Collins, Staffordshire County Council; Mary King, Chair RIBA WM

### RAF Cosford



Sunand Prasad, President RIBA; Julian Gitsham, Feilden Clegg Bradley Studios; Alex Medhurst, RAF Museum; Neil Cole, Drivers Jonas; Mary King, Chair RIBA WM

Annual Dinner photographs by Gingersnaps

## Diary Dates 2007

CPD Club Event 1  
**Thursday 24 January 2008**  
2.00-5.00pm - Austin Court, Birmingham  
Combating Climate Change  
Speakers: Sunand Prasad, President RIBA and John Christophers, Associated Architects

Birmingham Architectural Association (BAA)  
**Tuesday 29 January 2008**  
6.00pm - Old Joint Stock, Birmingham  
Contact Nicola, Associated Architects on 0121 233 6600

CPD Club Event 2  
**Thursday 28 February 2008**  
2.00-5.00pm - Austin Court, Birmingham  
Project Management  
Speaker: Tom Taylor of 'dashdot' and Chair of Association of Project Management (APM)

CPD Club Event 3  
**Thursday 3 April 2008**  
2.00-5.00pm - Birmingham Repertory Theatre  
Building Regulations Update

**For details on all events in the West Midlands contact RIBA on 0121 233 2321 or go to [www.architecture.com](http://www.architecture.com)**

CPD Club Event 4  
**Thursday 24 April 2008**  
2.00-5.00pm - Austin Court, Birmingham  
Employment Law  
Speaker: Russell Brown, Partner at Glaisyers Solicitors

CPD Club Event 5  
**Thursday 22 May 2008**  
2.00-5.00pm - Austin Court, Birmingham  
ITC Skills

CPD Club Event 6  
**Thursday 26 June 2008**  
2.00-5.00pm - Austin Court, Birmingham  
Construction Techniques

CPD Club Event 7  
**Thursday 24 July 2008**  
2.00-5.00pm - Austin Court, Birmingham  
Code for Sustainable Homes

CPD Club Event 7  
**Thursday 29 August 2008**  
2.00-5.00pm - Austin Court, Birmingham  
Costs



## 2008 Lecture Series

### Second City Better City!

In 2008 we continue our exciting programme of talks with a theme of, European second cities, the approaches and make-up of designers working away from the draw of their capital city.

Our talks will cover, Milan, Birmingham, London, Manchester and Arhus. This will lead up to a debate between leading architects from Birmingham and Manchester vying for 'second city status'. We also hope to complete a publication which will accompany the debate which will be based on the challenges and opportunities of second cities. Contributions will be sought from our speakers.

Lecture dates are:

29 Jan 2008 / 26 Feb 2008  
4 March 2008 / 22 April 2008  
20 May 2008 / June 2008

Lectures are to be held at the Old Joint Stock, Birmingham 6pm for 6:30pm start with refreshments included.

Check out BAA website for more details: [www.thebaa.org](http://www.thebaa.org)

## RIBA Bookshop



**Fabric Formwork**  
Ed. Alan Chandler/  
Remo Pedreschi  
£19.95

### RIBA Publishing December 2007

Fabric-cast concrete involves casting concrete in forms made with flexible formwork. This provides the potential to produce forms that are both structurally efficient and architecturally exciting in a relatively inexpensive and practical manner. By careful shaping of the fabric it is possible to produce complex shapes that would otherwise be difficult and expensive to produce using conventional formwork systems.

This book contains six essays that describe the collaboration between the Universities of Edinburgh and East London, together with the Centre for Architectural and Structural Technology (CAST) at the University of Manitoba, in their detailed and practical research into concrete casting and formwork.

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