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Sunand Prasad becomes President of RIBA



Morley von Sternberg

me to be more relevant than ever to ensuring that society gets sustainable buildings and places designed to improve people's lives in an increasingly connected world. I am looking forward enormously to the challenge of making the RIBA ever more effective, primarily through its most precious assets: the knowledge and commitment of its 40,000 members and its international reach."

"My priorities will be to expand the action already under way by the institute on climate change, to make stronger links with other professions in the construction industry and beyond so that we are a more powerful influence on government, and to make the RIBA the natural magnet for anyone, and especially young people, with a passion for architecture."

Sunand Prasad will give his inaugural presidential address in November at the City of London Academy, the Prime Ministers Award winning school in Bermondsey.

Sunand Prasad, Founding Partner of Penoyre and Prasad Architects, became President of the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) on 1 September 2007. Sunand is the 72nd RIBA President, a position previously held by Sir G. Gilbert Scott, Sir William Tite, and Sir Basil Spence among others. He takes over the two-year presidency from Jack Pringle, who becomes Immediate Past President.

Speaking on 31 August 2007, Sunand Prasad said: "As it approaches its 175th anniversary the RIBA seems to

Little Britain Challenge Cup 2007



Rick Tomlinson

Glancy Nicholls Architects celebrated their 3rd year in business by entering The Little Britain Challenge Cup 2007, the largest Construction Industry Sailing Regatta in Europe held at Cowes. 260 boats were there from all disciplines of construction

including Architects, Project Managers, Developers and Contractors.

After 3 days of racing Glancy Nicholls Architects finished 7th in their class and 8th out of all entered architects, ahead of Foster & Partners, Grimshaw and Shepherd Robson.

The team donated £2,500 to Afrikids and are currently collecting further sponsorship for Acorns Hospice.



Patrick Nicholls

Head of RIBA West Midlands

Recruitment for the new Head of RIBA West Midlands is planned for the Autumn. Further details will be available shortly. In the meantime if you know of anyone who maybe interested please contact Mary King, Regional Chair via the Regional Office on 0121 233 2321.

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 Gwen Cottrell, Acting Regional Director email: gwen.cottrell@inst.riba.org

RIBA Competitions

St Leger Homes, Doncaster

The RIBA Competitions Office is organising a competition on behalf of St Leger Homes in Doncaster, South Yorkshire, to seek suitable and innovative solutions for the extension and adaptation of a number of one bedroom bungalows scattered throughout the Doncaster area.

The competition seeks expressions of interest from architectural practices/architect-led design teams. From the initial expressions of interest, four teams will be invited to produce concept design proposals, with each of the short-listed teams receiving an honorarium of £4,000 (plus VAT). Deadline for expressions of interest is 12.00 midday on 17 October 2007.

Further information on the project and the competition is available from RIBA Competitions Office on 0113 234 1335.

RIBA/BBC Building Britain Debate

The RIBA organised a radio debate in conjunction with BBC WM. 30 guests turned out to the event, with some high powered guests from the world of local government, construction and architecture for example the Heritage Lottery Fund, Birmingham City Design team, AWM, Arts Council, WMCCE and the UCE. The BBC were very cooperative throughout the preparation for the debate and this could be used as an example of good practice to show to other local BBC stations to set up mini debates to discuss upcoming projects in Stoke on Trent, Hereford etc.

The RIBA arranged for a model of the Wolverhampton city centre development to be on display at the BBC and for a competition and prize to be available for members of the public visiting the BBC offices.



from left to right: Carl Chinn, Glenn Howells, Terry Grimley, Dr Simon Murphy, Ed Doolan

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