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NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRISTOL HERE WE COME.....

The 1998 ARCLIB conference will be held on 6-8 July in Bristol, hosted by Maggie Black and Helen Price of the University of the West of England. Architecture has only recently been re-introduced to Bristol, at UWE, the earlier School at the University having closed several years ago. However, built environment courses have been an important part of the UWE portfolio for a long time and Maggie (and later Helen too) has attended ARCLIB conferences for quite a few years. We are very pleased that their instatement as full, rather than associate ARCLIB members will be swiftly followed by the holding of our conference in Bristol.

The theme of the conference will be green architecture. There is a growing amount of interest in this topic but the impression we have (I speak here for the ARCLIB committee) is that information sources in this area are dispersed and rather difficult to find. We hope to focus on some of these difficulties as well as hearing presentations from designers recently involved in schemes with a strong green aspect.

The conference could hardly be based in a more attractive location: we shall be staying at Bristol University halls of

residences set in grounds right next to the Clifton suspension bridge, and look forward to an interesting walk across the bridge to a restaurant in Clifton village on the first evening. The conference dinner will be held at the halls of residence. The conference will include the usual mix of hard work, architectural interest and sheer good fun and, if the reactions of the Committee are anything to go by, will be eagerly looked forward to. Details should reach members sometime in early March.

.....OR MAYBE VERSAILLES?

Speaking of exciting locations, our French colleagues will this year hold their conference at the Versailles School of Architecture, which is located within the stable block of the Palace of Versailles. The long-standing tradition of ARCLIB members attending the French conference was unfortunately broken last year, no one being able to make the relatively long trip to Nancy in the week before our own conference. The French are very keen to have U.K. representation again this year, to the extent that they made a point of checking our conference dates before deciding their own. We hope that at least a couple of Committee members will be able to go to Versailles, but don't forget that it is ARCLIB policy to give consideration to requests for financial assistance from other members wishing to visit relevant academic events abroad. Don't all shout at once!

ARCLIB ON THE WEB

Thanks are due to Joan Shaw, of Liverpool John Moores University, for creating ARCLIB's very own Web site. The site gives information about ARCLIB and its activities and provides links to members details, including institutional web sites where appropriate. It will also be used increasingly for dissemination of information to members: for example the Directory of member libraries, the Bulletin and the recently-compiled list of refereed architectural journals (see below). Visit the Web site at

<http://www.livjm.ac.uk/lea/misc/arcweb.htm>

LIST OF REFEREED JOURNALS

Consideration has recently been given in Committee to the possibility of publishing the proceedings of ARCLIB conference - or selected papers therefrom - in a refereed

journal. This led to a more general discussion about refereed journals in the field of architecture. It was generally agreed that no-one knew of a list of such journals (here's your chance to make the Committee look stupid!) and that it would be useful to have one. Margaret Gregory of Liverpool John Moores University agreed to compile a preliminary list which she would circulate for comment and suggestions.

The list is reproduced on page 4.

KEITH RETIRES

As those who were at the Birmingham conference will know, our former chairman and founding member Keith Parker retired at the end of the summer. Unfortunately talk amongst old ARCLIB lags of a surprise visit to Yorkshire to mark Keith's retirement in proper style eventually came to nought (much to Keith's relief had he known, I suspect). However, the Committee decided to mark Keith's long service to the Group with a small gift. Keith is not a natural extrovert and deserves our grateful thanks for the stoical way in which he bore the demands of an office which to some extent was thrust upon him. I am sure I speak for all who know him in extending these thanks and wishing Keith a long and happy retirement. He now joins a growing list of honorary life members (any other applicants?).

COMMITTEE NEWS

SAME MEMBERS, OFFICERS SHUFFLE

No new Committee members were elected at the AGM in Birmingham last July. Some years ago ARCLIB established a policy, in order to encourage new Committee members to come forward, that two Committee members should come up for retirement or re-election each year. However, experience has indicated that such a turnover is impossible to sustain in an organisation whose total potential membership is very limited. This formal requirement has therefore now been dropped. This does NOT, however, mean that we are not anxious to encourage new faces on the Committee; this remains the case, and nominations will continue to be invited before the AGM each year.

At the first Committee meeting following the AGM Treasurer Ian Mayfield and Chair Norman Ashfield agreed to swap roles. This was proposed by Ian in response to the hawk-like diligence which Norman had exercised over the finances for the Birmingham conference, which he hosted. Recognising a natural treasurer when he saw one, Ian reluctantly agreed that perhaps it was his turn to be Chair, despite his natural reticence!

A full listing of Committee members appears on page 7.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Responsibility for Architecture at De Montfort University has passed to Ruth Stubbings.

At the Bartlett, founder ARCLIB member Ruth Dar has relinquished the Architecture brief to concentrate on art; we shall miss Ruth, but of course welcome her successor, Elizabeth Braim.

For the first time we have a named contact at the Royal College of Art School, namely Pauline Rae; the RCA have never been ARCLIB members but it is to be hoped that this may soon change.....

Finally, the new contact at York following the retirement of Keith Parker is Rosemary van Zijl. A warm welcome to all our new colleagues - we hope to see you all at the conference in Bristol in July!

A full listing of ARCLIB members and other colleagues in Schools of Architecture appears on the ARCLIB Web page (see above).

RESUME OF THE 1997 CONFERENCE IN BIRMINGHAM

ARCLIB's 1997 annual conference, this time held at the University of Central England in Birmingham, was once again a very successful occasion. Each conference takes on a character of its own, not necessarily derived from the professional side of the event: this one is likely to be remembered for the evening canal trip which preceded dinner on the main day of the conference, and for the friendly service given by the catering staff at UCE (the feeling was apparently mutual: the staff said how much they were impressed by the friendliness of ARCLIB delegates!).

The conference opened with a wine reception at which delegates were welcomed by our UCE hosts: the Dean of the Built Environment Faculty; the Deputy Director of Library services, and the Assistant Director of UCE Books, who sponsored the reception. This was followed by an interesting illustrated talk by Joe Holyoak on some of the UCE buildings and other Birmingham architecture. Dinner in the refectory was followed, by those with sufficient stamina, by a trip to a nearby pub to round off the day.

Serious business started the following day with papers by David Buri and Catherine Tranmer on the ADAM and RUDI projects respectively. David and Catherine are involved in the teams charged with delivering these E-Lib projects and were able to give us an inside view of the issues and problems

faced by the projects as well as an overview of progress made to date.

Unusually, this particular conference had no specific theme: instead, calls were issued for papers on any topic relevant to the work of librarians and documentalists in schools of architecture. We were very pleased to receive in response two papers from non-European colleagues, both of whom spoke on the first morning of the conference. First, Alfred Willis gave an account of the creation and development of Architronic, the first refereed electronic journal in architecture. The second overseas speaker was Teresa To, of the University of Hong Kong. Teresa gave a fascinating illustrated description of Hong Kong and its University, and described the setting up of a new course in architecture there. There were expressions of astonishment when Teresa revealed the budget available to her - not only to start up the course, but to maintain the collection thereafter. Members appreciated not only the two papers but also the insight the speakers gave us into 'the view from overseas' and their valuable contributions to our professional discussions. We hope that both will be able to come again in the future - and particularly that Alfred, who holidays in Europe each year, will find the collocation this year of the ARLIS and ARCLIB conferences in successive weeks an irresistible attraction!

In the afternoon, the focus was on visual images. First, Norman Ashfield demonstrated a database developed in-house at UCE for the management of the slide collection. This was followed by a paper from Cassandra Philip of the Design and Artists Copyright Society (DACS) on the DACS scheme for slide collections. Within this scheme, owners of slide collections can pay retrospectively for copyright clearance on existing collections, and pay copyright dues for new material as acquired. Members present had reservations about the legal basis for such a scheme and about its operation in practice. In the circumstances the speaker, who was speaking in public for the first time and was clearly very nervous, eventually gave a good account of herself and stood up to the questions with impressive fortitude. Finally, Alan Seal, of the Victoria and Albert Museum, described the ELISE II project. ELISE stands for Electronic Library Image Service for Europe: it is an EU funded project for organising electronic images of artefacts and making the information available via the World Wide Web. The business of the day

was completed by the ARCLIB A.G.M., after which weary delegates took themselves off to shower and change ready for the evening's entertainment before assembling in loosely agglomerated groups at Perry Barr station for the journey into central Birmingham. Here we were met by conference host Norman Ashfield and his wife, who escorted us to the embarkation point for the scheduled canal trip. Armed with a civilising drink (or two) we spent a dreamy hour enjoying the glow of evening sunshine after rain over a view of Birmingham which few of us had seen before. This was an excellent prelude to dinner in a canal-side hostelry.

On the following morning, business resumed with a paper by Margaret Gregory and Joan Shaw of Liverpool John Moores University, in which they shared their experience of participating in a HEFCE TQA assessment, and offered advice to colleagues as to how best to prepare for such events. For those about to undergo the same experience, this was an extremely valuable - if somewhat alarming - presentation. The pace was maintained by Ian Mayfield and Julia Barrett's comparative study of the two foremost bibliographic databases in architecture, i.e. Architectural Publications on Disc (APID) and the Avery Index to Architectural Periodicals. Their comments on the strengths and weaknesses of both products led to a lively discussion session, including some useful observations from the team at NBS services about adaptations they had made to Blackwell idealist, the software platform used by APID, for their database ABC Abstracts. Into the heat of this discussion bravely stepped Jane Oldfield of the RIBA, once again charged with the task of defending APID, this time under the heading 'Getting the best out of APID'. Jane was able to suggest some useful tips which were new to some at least of her audience and went some way towards remedying some minor irritations; the view remained in many minds, however, that the RIBA had simply chosen the wrong software, and that the product will remain fundamentally flawed unless this is changed.

The conference ended with a vote of thanks to Norman and Christine Ashfield for all their work in organising such a successful conference, and also to former Chair Keith Parker, due to retire in September, for all his work for ARCLIB. *The Proceedings of the Conference will be published in full and sent to ARCLIB members in the very near future.*

REFEREED JOURNALS PROJECT

As outlined in the News and Announcements section, Margaret Gregory of Liverpool John Moores University has been working on compiling a list of refereed journals on architecture and related topics. Her initial list is reproduced below. The first section gives a complete listing of journals from around the world, whilst section 2 gives U.K. journals only. In both sections journals on architecture are shown first, with related topics following.

Comments and suggestions should please be sent to Margaret at the address shown below (under 'ARCLIB Committee').

Refereed Journals in Architecture and allied subjects, as defined in *Ulrich's International Periodicals Directory 1997*.

[Many of the titles received from ARCLIB members are categorised (Ulrich's) not as refereed but *academic/scholarly* journals.]

Section 1 International Journals

Title	ISSN	Country of origin
<u>Architecture</u>		
Archimage	10599746	US
Architettura Cronache e Storia		Italy
Association for Preservation Technology International Bulletin		US
Centro de Investigaciones Historicas y Esteticas Boletin		Venezuela
The Classicist	10762922	US
Colloquium on The History of Landscape Architecture Papers		US
Design Studies	0142 694x	UK
Documentos de Arquitectura Nacional y Americana		Argentina
E.A.R. Edinburgh Architecture Research	0140 5039	UK
Heritage Canada	1195 5899	CAN
Iowa Architect	0021 0439	US
Journal of Architecture and Planning	0738 0895	US
Journal of Architectural Conservation	1355 6207	UK
Journal of Architectural Education	1046 4883	US
Landscape Issues	0265 9786	UK
Landscape Research	0142 6397	UK
New Arcadian Journal	0262 558x	UK
Periodica Polytechnica Architecture	0324 590x	Hungary
Restorica	0037 5462	S.A.
Society for the Study Of Architecture in Canada	0228 0744	CAN
The Journal of Architecture	1360 2365	UK
Wisconsin Architect		US
<u>Building and Construction</u>		
ASHRAE Journal		US
Advances in Cement Research	0951 7197	UK
American Professional Constructor	0146 7557	US
Automation in Construction	0926 5805	US?
Building and Environment	0360 1323	UK
Building Research and Information	0961 3218	UK
Cement and Concrete Composites	0958 9465	UK
Cement & Concrete Research		UK
Cities: Int Jnl of Urban Policy & Planning		UK
Computer - Aided Design		UK
Construction and Building Materials	0950 0618	UK
Construction Management and Economics	0144 6193	UK
Energy and Buildings		Switz.
Engineering Construction and Architectural Management	0969 9988	UK
Environment & Urbanization		UK
Frames Architettura dei Serramenti		Italy
Gongje Jianzhu/Industrial Construction	1000 8993	China
Habitat International		UK
Homes and Living	0817 4296	Australia

International Journal of Space Structures	0956 0599	UK
Magazine of Concrete Research	0024 9831	UK
Masonry Society Journal	0741 1294	US
Materials and Structures/Materiaux et Constructions	0025 5432	France
NIST Building Science Series	1049 7579	US
Plastics in Building Construction	0147 2429	US
PUFF	0106 2018	Denmark
Specifier Reports	1067 2451	US
Tecnologia y Construcción	0798 9601	Venezuela
Instytut Technologii Drewna Prace	0032 6240	Poland

Civil Engineering

ASAE Transactions, Structures and Environment		US
BICC Group World		US
Composite Structures	0263 8223	UK

Housing and Urban Planning

Berkley Planning Journal	1047 5192	US
Comparative Urban And Community Research	0892 5569	US
Developments In Landscape Management And Urban Planning	0923 8131	Nethlnds.
Environment and Planning		
A	0308 518x	UK
B Planning & Design	0265 8135	UK
D Society & Space	0263 7758	UK
European Planning Studies	0965 4313	UK
European Research in Regional Science	0960 6130	UK
Housing Policy Debate	1051 1482	US
Housing Studies	0267 3037	UK
International Journal for Housing Science And Its Applications	0146 6518	US
International Journal of Urban and Regional Research	0309 1317	UK
International Yearbook of Rural Planning	0952 3847	UK
Journal of Environmental Planning and Management	0964 0568	UK
Journal of Housing Research	1052 7001	US
Journal of Planning Education And Research	0739 456x	US
Journal of Planning Literature	0885 4122	US
Journal of Property Research	0959 9916	UK
King Saud University Journal of Architecture and Planning	1018 3604	Saudi
Land Use Policy	0264 8377	UK
Open House International	0168 2601	UK
Planning Practice and Research	0269 7459	UK
Policy and Politics	0305 5736	UK
Progress in Planning	0305 9006	UK
Regional Science and Urban Economics	0166 0462	Nethlnds.
Regional Studies	0034 3404	UK
Review of Regional Studies	0048 749x	US
Studies in Locational Analysis	1105 5162	Germany
Studies in Regional and Urban Planning	1106 2606	Germany
Transgressions		UK
Urban Affairs (Newark)		US
Urban Affairs Review	1078 0874	US
Urban Design and Preservation Qtly	0898 5049	US
Urban Design International	1357 5317	UK
Urban Policy & research	0811 1146	Australia
Urban Studies	0042 0980	UK

Section 2 UK Titles**Architecture**

Design Studies	0142 694x
E.A.R. Edinburgh Architecture Research	0140 5039
Journal of Architectural Conservation	1355 6207
Journal of Architectural Conservation	1355 6207
Landscape Issues	0265 9786
Landscape Research	0142 6397
New Arcadian Journal	0262 558x
The Journal of Architecture	1360 2365

Building and Construction

Advances in Cement Research	0951 7197
Building and Environment	0360 1323
Building Research and Information	0961 3218
Cement and Concrete Composites	0958 9465
Cement & Concrete Research	
Cities: Int Jnl of Urban Policy & Planning	
Computer - Aided Design	
Construction and Building Materials	0950 0618
Construction Management and Economics	0144 6193
Engineering Construction and Architectural Management	0969 9988
Environment & Urbanization	
Habitat International	
International Journal of Space Structures	0956 0599
Magazine of Concrete Research	0024 9831

Civil Engineering

Composite Structures	0263 8223
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Housing and Urban Planning

Environment and Planning	
A	0308 518x
B Planning & Design	0265 8135
D Society & Space	0263 7758
European Planning Studies	0965 4313
European Research in Regional Science	0960 6130
Housing Studies	0267 3037
International Journal of Urban and Regional Research	0309 1317
International Yearbook of Rural Planning	0952 3847
Journal of Environmental Planning and Management	0964 0568
Journal of Property Research	0959 9916
Land Use Policy	0264 8377
Open House International	0168 2601
Planning Practice and Research	0269 7459
Policy and Politics	0305 5736
Progress in Planning	0305 9006
Regional Studies	0034 3404
Transgressions	
Urban Design International	1357 5317
Urban Studies	0042 0980

EDITOR WANTED

Ian Mayfield has edited the seven issues so far produced of the ARCLIB Bulletin. However, Ian is finding it increasingly difficult to maintain this task due to pressure of work (witness the relatively late arrival of this issue). A volunteer is therefore sought who could take on this responsibility. Anyone interested should please contact Ian or any other member of the Committee

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