Professional Practice News Update

COTE Presents Emerging Architecture at Forum 2001: The Committee on the Environment (COTE) presented a session on “Emerging Architecture” April 23 to 300 people at “Forum 2001, the Solar Energy Conference,” sponsored by the American Solar Energy Society (ASES). COTE member Greg Franta, FAIA, opened with an overview of architecture shaping our communities in terms of energy efficiency, renewable energy, and environmental quality. Sandy Mendler, AIA, and Muscoe Martin, AIA, discussed the AIA/COTE 2001 Top 10 Green Projects and their selection process. The jury criteria were rigorous and comprehensive, Mendler explained, which makes the winners exemplary projects for the architectural profession. The group also presented certificates of appreciation to the National Park Service’s Terryl Emmons, FAIA, and Drury Crawley, AIA, of the U.S. Department of Energy. For more information, contact Peg Hamil, AIA, (202) 626-7317 or phamil@aia.org.

REVIT Is New Sponsor for TAP PIA: The Technology in Architectural Practice (TAP) PIA announced that REVIT Technology Corporation agreed on April 19 to be an official 2001 sponsor for the PIA. This support will help the TAP PIA develop and deliver to its members valuable educational programs at a reasonable cost, including the Six Degrees of Collaboration program, scheduled for September 2001. For more information, contact Kevin Shertz, (202) 626-7579 or kshertz@aia.org.

AAH Workshop Series Supports Release of 2001 Guidelines: The Academy of Architecture for Health (AAH) on April 19 and 20 held the first of a series of two-day workshops in support of the 2001 Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospital and Health Care Facilities. This inaugural workshop in Chicago attracted 175 participants.

The 2001 edition of the Guidelines was released April 16 after a two-year collaborative effort among AIA/AAH, American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE), the Facility Guidelines Institute, and the Health Guidelines Revision Committee.

The series of workshops, presented in conjunction with the ASHE, calls for eight more workshops this year, to be held in Denver, New York City, Boston, Baltimore, San Francisco, Atlanta, Houston, and Orlando. The committee currently is discussing additional workshops. For more information, contact Jennifer Barry, (202) 626-7366 or jbarry@aia.org.

New Version of U.S. National CAD Standard Released: Version 2.0 of the U.S. National CAD Standard (NCS), which includes an updated AIA CAD Layer Guidelines, was released at the end of March. Some 20 AIA members served on the 150-member NCS committee that produced Version 2.0. Buyers can take advantage of discounted pricing that will remain in effect until the official marketing rollout on July 1 (when prices are scheduled to increase). NCS may be ordered online, www.nationalcadstandard.org.

International Symposium on Asia Pacific Architecture
The International Committee PIA and the University of Hawaii at Manoa School of Architecture cosponsored the fourth International Symposium on Asia Pacific Architecture: Sensible Design and Smart Practice April 5–7. Sessions focused on changing markets in the global economy; local design culture and international design collaboration; and technology, nature, and cities. The peer-reviewed papers are available from the School of Architecture International Committee Chair James T. Fitzgerald, FAIA, presented opening remarks, and advisory group members James R. Kirkpatrick, AIA, and Solomon S. Pan, FAIA, moderated paper sessions.

The International Committee organized a session on “Working with the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the U.S. Commercial Service: Opportunities for U.S. Architects,” with a presentation by Robert M. Murphy, director of the Honolulu Export Assistance Center of the U.S. Department of Commerce. For more information, contact Ellen Delage, Assoc. AIA, (202) 626-7415 or edelage@aia.org.

Professional Practice Director Richard Hayes, AIA, Presents the Architecture of Albert Kahn
Richard Hayes presented “An Image of Architecture: The Albert Kahn Firm & Aircraft Hangar Manifestations,” at the 54th meeting of the Society of Architectural Historians in Toronto. The presentation was part of the theme session “Cataclysm or Catalyst? Architecture and War in the Twentieth Century.” For more information, contact Richard Hayes, (202) 626-7539 or rhayes@aia.org.