Welcome to the November issue of the Property, Construction and Project Management 'School News'. This is a bi-monthly newsletter covering the activities of the school in the community, industry, academia and research.

The last two months have been a particularly busy period for RMIT PCPM with our annual awards night and other student events, the end of semester and examinations as well as our upcoming Graduation for our final year students. This issue of our newsletter captures the great achievements of our students and celebrates are ongoing industry partnerships. It also marks the end of the 2011 academic year. We look forward to working with you in 2012 and wish everyone a safe holiday period.

All in all it was a great night - a showcase of student talent and achievement and our growing partnership with Industry, with the Eureka Tower’s picturesque view as our backdrop.

We would like to thank all our the Industry representatives, students and staff members who attended the event and made it a night to remember in the RMIT PCPM calendar. We look forward to next years event.
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We would like to congratulate the award winners:

RICS Poster Award (Presented by Andy Bendell) for the best Construction Management poster was awarded to: "The impacts of Building Information Modelling on innovative facade systems."
- Dean Munro
- Peter Le
- Chris Hadjiantonakis
- Luke Papamiltiadous

PMI Poster Award (Presented by Priya Ravindra) for the best Project Management poster was awarded to: "The influence on web based collaboration technologies on project productivity"
- Minh Ong
- Nor Fauzan Daud
- Wui Hong Ong

API Poster Award (Presented by Steve Simpson) for the best Property/Valuation poster was awarded to: "Aged Care Facilities"
- Andrew Campbell
- Mark McSweeney
- Zdrvko Knezic

API Award (Presented by Justine Jacona) Awarded to the Bachelor of Applied Science (Property/Valuation) student who achieved the highest GPA in 3rd year in 2010.
- Thomas Whitelaw and Ty Winduss
The Buxton Award (Presented by Daryl Marson) Awarded to the student who achieved the highest overall results in the first year of the Construction Management program in 2010

- Nathan Barresi

The AIB Award (Presented by Dr Ronald J. Webber) Awarded to the Bachelor of Applied Science (Construction Management) student who achieved the highest GPA in 4th year in 2010

- Aaron Lehman

The Nucara Family Award (Presented by Prof Alistair Gibb on behalf of Fred Nucara) Awarded to the student in Property/Valuation entering education at RMIT in 2011 who needs to relocate from their principle residence in a regional area.

- Sandon Allan James

The PMI Award (Presented by Graeme Bond) Awarded to the Bachelor of Applied Science (Project Management) student who achieved the highest GPA in 3rd year in 2010.

- Courtney Smith
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The SKM Award (Presented by Mark Rey) Awarded to the student who achieved the highest cumulative GPA by Semester 1 2011 4th year and who through their own initiative and participation in this degree program has contributed the most to their studies and career in Project Management.
- Courtney Smith

RMIT PCPM SCHOOL AWARDS

Presented by Prof Ron Wakefield (On behalf of Mark Vines) Awarded to the students who achieved the highest GPA in their year group for Bachelor of Applied Science (Construction Management) in 2010.
1st Yr: Nathan Barresi
2nd Yr: James Eddy and Daniel Van Schaik
3rd Yr: Lip Ning Vincent Chan
4th Yr: Christian Federico and Fabian Russo

Presented by Dr Tayyab Maqsood. Awarded to the students who achieved the highest GPA in their year group for Bachelor of Applied Science (Project Management) in 2010.
1st Yr: Jessie Hodgkin
2nd Yr: Michael Buckthought
3rd Yr: Courtney Smith
4th Yr: Christopher Morony, James Dang and Guy Baxter.

Presented by Judith Callanan. Awarded to the students who achieved the highest GPA in their year group for Bachelor of Applied Science (Property and Valuation) in 2010.
1st Yr: Emily Quan and Luke Guirguis
2nd Yr: Rorey James, Matthew Deledio and Michael O’Donoghue
3rd Yr: Thomas Whitelaw and Ty Winduss
4th Yr: Anthony Edwards and Michelle Crosbie

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Student Success Stories

RMIT CIB Student Chapter
The CIB Student Chapter was officially launched on 6th September in conjunction with the School of Property, Construction and Project Management’s monthly staff meeting. The launch event was very positive and well received by the School. The President, Jessica Siva provided a brief presentation which included an introduction to the CIB and CIB student chapters as well as some background information relating to the formation of the RMIT CIB student chapter and its key activities to date. The chapter’s planned program of activities were also outlined. Finally members of the student chapter were introduced in terms of their broad areas of research.

Employer of Choice Program
The RMIT PCPM Employer of Choice Program is growing steadily with a number of great organisations choosing to sign up and partner with us over the last 2 months. We would particularly like to thank the Employers of Choice who participated through the year as Industry Mentors for our final year Research projects and those who were able to attend our awards nights.

If you have not yet registered for the Employer of Choice Program but would be interested in registering or knowing more please contact Elima Finlay Research and Industry Liaison: elima.finlay@rmit.edu.au 9925 0315

Events

RICS Working Overseas Event
The School hosted the RICS Victoria Overseas event on the 3rd October. Over 60 students from universities across Melbourne attended to hear 3 leading property and construction professionals talk about their overseas work experiences.

Visit from Thammasat University Students
At the end of September, the School welcomed 80 postgraduate property students from Thammasat University, Thailand. The Students were visiting Melbourne as part of a 5 day international study tour.
Other Industry News

• Dr Khalfan was re-appointed as Australian Institute of Building committee member of Victorian Chapter

Call For Papers

FACILITIES Journal: Call for papers
Academic staff are invited to submit research manuscripts to FACILITIES - an A rated academic Journal by Emerald.

For more information visit www.emeraldinsight.com/f.htm contact: Dr.Guillermo Aranda-Mena, Regional Editor Australasia at guillermo.aranda-mena@rmit.edu.au

Key Journal Audiences:
- Academics in the field of the built environment
- Architects, designers and planners
- Directors of operations and administration
- Facilities managers
- Office service managers
- Premises consultants
- Property service managers

Coverage:
The journal offers thorough, independent and expert papers to inform relevant audiences of thinking and practice in the field, including topics such as:
- Intelligent buildings
- Post-occupancy evaluation (building evaluation)
- Relocation and change management
- Sick building syndrome
- Ergonomics and workplace design
- Environmental and workplace psychology
- Briefing, design and construction
- Energy consumption
- Quality initiatives
- Infrastructure management

ARC Linkage

Congratulations to Prof Helen Lingard and Assoc Prof Nick Blismas for winning their round 2 application in 2011. The Project title is: An experimental evaluation of the usefulness of computer-supported argumentation to improve occupational health and safety in construction design. Partner Organisations: Sinclair Knight Merz Limited and Administering Organisation RMIT University. Project Summary: The research investigates the potential for experts’ occupational health and safety (OHS) reasoning to be reproduced in a knowledge-based system and used to: (i) augment the OHS decision-making of construction design professionals; and (ii) develop design OHS capability, especially in novices. The results will support the implementation of OHS policy in the construction industry.

RMIT Learning and Teaching Forum

Dr Guillermo Aranda-Mena has been invited to present the work he has conducted in Vietnam with Dr Esther Charlesworth and Prof. John Fien in 2010 and 2011. “Cross disciplinary teams in new spaces - This workshop will draw on Guillermo’s experiences of working with students from different disciplines including collaborative workshops with RMIT School of Architecture. Vietnam Integrated Practice Studio which is a multi-disciplinary elective. It undertakes life-projects and runs under shared learning and planning models working in a cross-disciplinary space. Other examples will include wiki-webs Guillermo has implemented for his lectures such as “The PPP Club” and “StudioBIM”.” For more information go to http://www.rmit.edu.au/seh/staff/ltforum - “Spaces and Beyond” take places in RMIT Storey Hall, Friday 25 November.

Research News

• “Designing the Dynamic - BIM Studio”
“Dr. Guillermo Aranda-Mena is undertaking an intensive design research week (21-25 Nov) with RMIT colleagues from schools of Engineering and Architecture. The workshop is to use high-end BIM digital modelling software. The event is hosted by the RMIT Design Research Institute (DRI) and the School of Architecture in Melbourne, Australia. The workshop, lead by Hugh Whitehead (Director of the Specialist Modelling Group, Foster + Partners Archi-
tects). Designing the Dynamic  
http://designingthedynamic.com/*

- CIB W102 ‘Information and Knowledge Management in Building’ conference was held from 26-28 October 2011 – Sophia Antipolis - France. Dr Malik Khalfan attended the conference as joint coordinator of W102 and presented his research on Supply Chain Capitals. He also chaired a session during the conference and organised the annual W102 meeting along with other commissions. He was also the organiser and steering committee member of this conference and contributed as reviewer for the conference. The next W102 conference is in September 2012 in Las Vegas, USA.

- Khalfan, M. M. A., Invited Speaker at University of Malaysia (8th July 2011) at their PhD students seminar on Sustainable Development in Construction, invited by Dr Abdul Aziz Abdullah.

- Dr M Arif and Dr Khalfan were Guest Co-editors of Special Issue (Vol 3, Issue 3, Late 2011): on Sustainability Journal: International Journal of Construction Project Management

- Dr T Maqsood and Dr Khalfan were Guest Co-editors of Special Issue (forthcoming 2011): on Construction Procurement, Journal: Malaysian Journal of Construction Research

- Dr Khalfan served as reviewer for Journal of Financial Management of Property and Construction (Sept 2011)

- Dr Khalfan was appointed as Editorial Board Member for International journal of supply chain management in construction

- Dr Maqsood was invited to lecture at the University of Canberra on Friday 28th October on “Issues and Challenges in Disaster Management Research: A Project Management Perspective”

- Dr Peter Edwards was invited to give a keynote address at the 10th International Postgraduate research Conference held at the School of the Built Environment, University of Salford, UK, on the 14 September. He also chaired a conference session.

- HDR student and member of the RMIT CIB Student Chapter Kartina Alauddin along with Prof Kerry London published “Intellectual Capital Model Development towards Adaptive re-use Success: An Analysis on Historical Develop of Case Studies” in Management and Innovation for sustainable Built Environment Journal

- HDR student and President of the RMIT CIB Student Chapter Jessica Siva along with Prof Kerry London published “Investigating the role of Client Learning for Successful Architect-Client Relationships on Private Single Dwelling Projects” in The Journal of Architectural, Engineering and Design Management

- HDR student and member of the RMIT CIB Student Chapter Peng Zhang along with Prof Kerry London published “Does Globalization Benefit Developed or Developing Country” in Communications in Computer and Information Science Journal.

For more details on any of our listed Research publications or to enquire about assistance with your Research needs from the school please contact the editor on the contact details below.

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