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Dear Subscribers,

Hello after a long hiatus and welcome to our revised newsletter format. The Online News is now hosted by the Institute for Human Centered Design (formerly Adaptive Environments). The new format will bring highlights of each issue to your email and the opportunity to read the entire newsletter on our website, by clicking on a link. We'll be publishing on a quarterly basis; Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. The new email format allows interested people to subscribe themselves - and the mailing list lives on a data base and not on my home computer. Hurray! Thank you for your patience while we underwent these changes. Please send us your news; we're happy to report these world-wide activities.

As always, please do check out the Calendar for upcoming events. Information from the Online News can still be freely copied and quoted as long as the individual author, and/or web site and this source is cited. Previous issues of the Online News are available online at the Global Universal Design Education Network website at: www.universaldesign.net.

Also please note: Any Internet links mentioned in this newsletter were verified as functioning as of the publication date. Web sites and e-mail addresses, however, change frequently, so changes may have occurred after that date.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Based on the volume of news that we read, universal design appears to continue to gain momentum around the world! The availability of resources, conferences and award programs seems to keep growing and increasingly more new initiatives are identified – both geographically diverse and content rich.

New resources on accessible and universal design continue to become available for the global community; check out these new publications – (Europe) Barrier Free Tourism, (India) Design for All institute Newsletter, (UK) Design for Inclusivity -- A Practical Guide to Accessible, Innovative and User-Centred Design, (UK) Lifetime Homes, Lifetime Neighbourhoods: Housing in an Ageing Society, (UK), Safe Egress for People with Disabilities (US) The ASSIST

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Contests continue to make news as universal design is rewarded through programs such as: (Germany) Universal Design Awards, (Hong Kong) 48 Hour Inclusive Design Challenge, (UK) DBA Inclusive Design Challenge 2008, and (World) James Dyson Award Winners.

More Internet-based options exist for those interested in either learning more about universal design or looking for a refresher either via courses – (US) Easter Seals Project ACTION Adds Webinars - Accessible Web Sites, (US) IDEA Center New Continuing Education Program, (US) Online Universal Design Course or via updated information portals – (US) Universal Designers & Consultants New Website or soon to becoming initiatives – (US) NEA Universal Design Leadership Project for 2008 focusing on creating an International Web-Based Universal Design Case Study Collection.

Similarly we find a steady stream of conferences that have and will take place to further explore universal design and its application – European Business Conference on Inclusive Design, (Netherlands) Human Diversity: Design for Life, (Spain) Good Practice in Accessible Tourism, (Taiwan) Universal Design Expo, and (US) Creating Aging Friendly Communities.

Around the world we continue to find news of locales, countries, the global community and industry embracing universal design in it's tenants and/or products – (China) New Internet Guidelines for Barrier-Free Surfing for Chinese Senior Citizens, Germany Wants to Become World Leader in Design for Elderly People, (Germany) Universal Design Mark, (Japan) Japan Aging Suit Puts Car Makers in Senior Circuit, (US) Aging and Disability: Implications for the Housing Industry and Housing Policy in the US, and (World) Kyoto Design Declaration.

As well as new initiatives trying to explore what "is" universal design and how should it impact our future – (US) Global Universal Design Commission, along with initiatives in arenas where we haven't traditionally found universal design being explored -- (US) Designing Games Accessible to Everyone.

We're pleased to find more news of the intersection of Universal Design and Sustainable/Green building practices – (US) Living Green.

And, we continue to be impressed with (World) Scott Rains and his Rolling Rains report and his pulse on what is and is not happening in Universal Design and Inclusive Travel, etc.

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NEWS FROM THE GLOBAL NETWORK

CHINA

New Internet Guidelines for Barrier-Free Surfing for Chinese Senior Citizens

The Senior Citizen Information and Technology Commission of the Shanghai Municipal Gerontics Academy has published 15 rules regarding the online surfing of senior citizens, proposing that all websites across China provide barrier-free browsing for the elderly. Shanghai has absorbed a lot of experiences from overseas countries in making these rules, which detail webpage fonts, image sizes, alternative text, language and much more.

Read the full article at: <http://www.chinacsr.com/2006/11/14/848-new-internet-guidelines-for-barrier-free-surfing-for-chinese-senior-citizens/>

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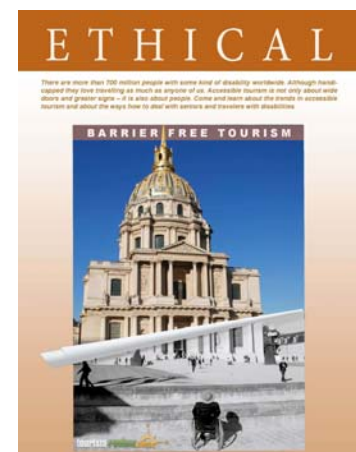
EUROPE

Barrier Free Tourism

The April 2008 edition of the online magazine [Tourism-Review.com](http://www.tourism-review.com) focused on Ethical: Barrier Free Tourism primarily in Europe. Article titles include: Tourism Accessible for All in Europe, Case Study: Economic Advantages of Accessible Tourism in Germany, Merging Architecture and Accessibility, Providing Services in an Accessible Manner, and Barrier-Free Asia.

To read full edition (PDF format), visit: http://www.tourism-review.com/magazine_file.php?id=538&order=1

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GERMANY

Germany Wants to Become World Leader in Design for the Elderly

The German government just announced a high level initiative for universal and transgenerational design to archive world leadership in the production of innovative products for the elderly including innovation strategies, product and service development, design school projects, and a universal design network.

To read an overview of the initiative, see: <http://www.experientia.com/blog/germany-wants-to-become-world-leader-in-design-for-the-elderly/>



Universal Design Awards

Hannover-based universal design association and iF (International Forum Design GmbH) sponsored the first “universal design award 08” which was presented during the CeBIT show, on Wednesday, March 5, 2008. This competition intends to serve as an inspiration to designers and manufacturers to focus more strongly on the “new simplicity” in the design of their products. The awards went to functional and aesthetic products, architecture and services that offer special utility value and are specially designed for use by “all” people, and not just by “older” people. A total of 131 submissions received from 18 different countries were put to the “design test.”

Full details at: http://www.ifdesign.de/presse_detail_e.html?pmid=321

Universal Design Mark

Three project partners, Internationales DesignZentrum Berlin, German Design Council (Rat für Formgebung) and TÜV NORD CERT, have together developed a quality mark for user-friendly products. Products that meet the criteria of Universal Design (self-explanatory, easy to handle, universally usable, for all ages) can be certified by them.

To read more and download the flyer, see: <http://www.idz.de/en/sites/1369.html>

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HONG KONG

48 Hour Inclusive Design Challenge

The challenge involved teams from Hong Kong, mainland China, Korea and the ASEAN (Association of South East Asia Nations) region. The challenge was organized as part of the 'Inclusive Cities' project developed by the British Council China and East Asia region organized by the Royal College of Art, Helen Hamlyn Centre (see DBA Inclusive Design Challenge 2008 for more information) to celebrate the 60th anniversary of The British Council in Hong Kong.

To read more, see: <http://celebration60.britishcouncil.org.hk/48/>

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INDIA

Design for All Institute Newsletter

These oversize online newsletters continue to be packed full of interesting articles. Check out these recent editions for which we've listed selected contents:

March 2008 -- http://www.designforall.in/newsletter_mar_2008.pdf

- + The Need For Evidence Based Practice in Universal Design
- + Universal Design – Clarification And Development
- + A Research Study: Designing Educational Spaces for Children with Autism
- + Case Study: Universal Design- Home Model

April 2008 -- http://www.designforall.in/newsletter_apr_2008.pdf

- + About Universal Design Letter
- + Universal Design Newsletter
- + Case Study: Six Degrees of Separation

May 2008 -- http://www.designforall.in/newsletter_may_2008.pdf

- + The Access: Fitness Equipment for Everyone
- + Avoiding Crashes: Older Drivers and Sports Cars
- + Structuring Product Language to Support Universal Design
- + Case Study: LoCoS Website Design

June 2008 -- http://www.designforall.in/newsletter_june_2008.pdf

- + A Proposed Central/ Regional Business District in India Using Universal Design Concepts
- + Home Modifications and Products for Safety and Ease of Use
- + Case Study: Ubiquitous Design

July 2008 -- http://www.designforall.in/newsletter_july2008.pdf

- + De Gustbus non est Disputantum
 - + Design Content: Endangered?
 - + Design Education in India
 - + India in Context
 - + DJ Academy of Design
 - + Urban Planning and Accessibility of Urban Spaces for All
 - + The New United Nations Convention
 - + Design Matters in India Challenges & opportunities
- August 2008 -- http://www.designforall.in/newsletter_Aug2008.pdf -- the entire newsletter focuses on the European Business Conference on Inclusive Design (see Nordic Countries for related story)
- + About the Norwegian Design Council
 - + Conference- Background and Themes
 - + The inclusive Design Project of the Fukuoka city Tube-Nanakuma line
 - + Design For All in a commercial perspective
 - + Design Competition: 24-hour Design Competition
 - + After conference Summary European Business Conference on Inclusive Design.

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JAPAN

Japan Aging Suit Puts Car Makers in Senior Circuit

Carmaker Nissan Motor is using a specialized driver's suit and goggles to simulate the bad balance, stiff joints, weaker eyesight and extra five kilograms (11lbs) that may accompany senior citizenry. The suit's weight and constriction help in determining functionality and accessibility within cars by putting young designers not only in the minds of the mobility-challenged, but also in their bodies. "Difficulty in walking, back pains, trouble in lifting arms -- we wanted to consider assorted infirmities," said Watanabe of the concept known as universal design.



To read the full article, visit:

<http://www.reuters.com/article/technologyNews/idUST9224920080416?=&sp=true>

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NETHERLANDS

Human Diversity: Design for Life

Delft University of Technology hosted the 9th International Congress of Physiological Anthropology, whose theme was Human Diversity: Design for Life. Some of the topics encompassed by the conference symposia included:

- + Human Diversity
- + Anthropometry and design
- + Design for Living
- + Research in Physiological Anthropology and Design

To learn more about the program, see: www.ide.tudelft.nl/icpa2008

Program abstracts can be downloaded from:

<http://www.io.tudelft.nl/live/pagina.jsp?id=37d19dc7-3229-4be8-81c4-6bdeccc86fac&lang=en>

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NORDIC COUNTRIES

European Business Conference on Inclusive Design

For the first time in the Nordic region a design challenge on inclusive design was held. This competition challenged five Nordic design teams (Sweden, Finland, Denmark and Norway (two teams)) to create inclusive designs within a 24 hour period during the conference. The challenge was organized by the Norwegian Design Council in collaboration with the Royal College of Art Helen Hamlyn Centre (see DBA Inclusive Design Challenge 2008 for more information).

To learn more about the Nordic Design Challenge, see: <http://www.norskdesign.no/24-hour-design-challenge/24-hour-design-challenge-article2906-606.html>

To revisit the conference program and to download videos from both days, visit:

<http://www.norskdesign.no/2008/european-business-conference-on-inclusive-design-2008-article2780-577.html>

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SPAIN



Good Practice in Accessible Tourism

This conference was held May 16 at the Bancaja Cultural Center. It was billed as the 1st Conference on "Good practice in Accessible Tourism" organized by TourismAll. The conference involved well-known speakers from Spain as well as from other European countries. During the conference, four working groups were launched, led by the founder members to deal with different aspects of tourism for all such as employment, marketing, solutions and funding mechanisms for the promotion of accessible tourism. And, the Technological Network of Tourism was launched to deal with tourism and accessibility in the tourist environment.

You can download the program (PDF format) at:

<http://tourism4allnetwork.org/pool/archivos/PROVISIONAL%20PROGRAMME.pdf>

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TAIWAN

Universal Design Expo

An international universal design expo took place in Taipei (Taiwan) in August. The event was organized by iF International Forum Design, Taiwan Design Center and UNIPLAN Taiwan Corporation. It featured universal design promoters from Europe, Japan, Taiwan and other countries.

Brief news item at: <http://www.dexigner.com/product/news-g14636.html>

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UNITED KINGDOM

DBA Inclusive Design Challenge 2008

Launched in 2000, the DBA Inclusive Design Challenge has had and continues to have tremendous influence!

The theme for 2008 was “Thanks for the Memory.” Currently, 560,000 people in the UK have dementia and by 2020 this is set to rise to 750,000. Dementia is an umbrella term covering Alzheimer’s disease, Vascular Dementia, and Dementia with Lewy Bodies and many other dementias that have different causes. Characteristic to all of them is short term memory loss, which makes it increasingly difficult for those affected to carry out such activities as personal care, household tasks, to communicate with others and maintain relationships, and socialise or to recognise familiar objects, surroundings or people. The role of design in enabling people with dementia to remain independent is potentially huge. There is good evidence that the provision of cues and clues can help people stay in touch with others, orientate themselves or navigate outdoor spaces.

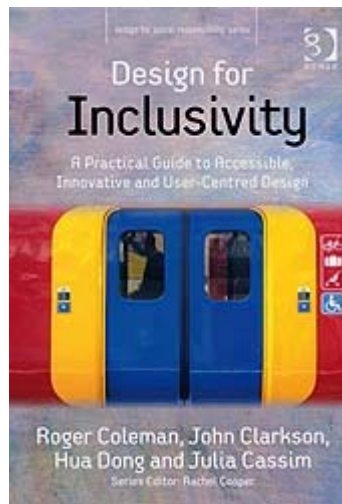
Additionally, check out related design challenges discussed elsewhere in this newsletter: (Hong Kong) 48 Hour Inclusive Design Challenge and (Nordic Countries) European Business Conference on Inclusive Design.

Now that the 2008 edition is completed, it’s time to look forward to the 2009 edition! The 2009 Challenge, open exclusively to DBA members, is entitled Sedentary Lives. It encourages designers to look at solutions to address an increasingly immobile culture – from couch potato kids who are glued to computers and office workers who rarely leave their desks, to those who live in supported care schemes at the end part of their lives.

Learn about DBA Inclusive Design Challenge 2008 at: http://www.hhc.rca.ac.uk/194-247/all/1/DBA_Inclusive_Design_Challenge_2008.aspx

For details on the DBA Inclusive Design Challenge 2009, checkout: <http://www.dba.org.uk/awards/challenge.asp>

This book, edited by Roger Coleman et al, has pioneered inclusive design practice internationally, reviews and pressures that have pushed this subject to the fore, and assesses design responses to date in an international context. The authors make the business case for inclusive design and explain the formalisation of the approach in standards and legislation. The text includes case studies which describe service projects, as well as transport, product development, IT and as industry-university collaborative projects, and highlights lessons that have been learned.



A Practical Guide to Accessible, Innovative and User-Centred Design

Roger Coleman et al, a team that has pioneered inclusive design practice internationally, reviews and pressures that have pushed this subject to the fore, and assesses design responses to date in an international context. The authors make the business case for inclusive design and explain the formalisation of the approach in standards and legislation. The text includes case studies which describe service projects, as well as transport, product development, IT and as industry-university collaborative projects, and highlights lessons that have been learned.

To read more about the

https://www.ashgate.com/default.aspx?page=641&lang=cy&calcTitle=1&title_id=8566&edition_id=9206

book, visit:

Lifetime Homes, Lifetime Neighbourhoods: Housing in an Ageing Society

The Government published a major new housing strategy giving older people greater choice and addressing the challenges of an ageing population, part of a range of measures to bring about a fundamental change in the way we build future communities alongside an expansion in existing support available to older people that will help them to live safely and, where they choose, independently in their own homes.

To read the full article, visit:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/702993>

To download the publication in PDF and Word Formats, see:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/housing/lifetimehomesneighbourhoods> (alternative formats are also available)



Promoting Safe Egress
and Evacuation for
People with Disabilities



Safe Egress for People with Disabilities

The National Disability Authority has launched an important new publication entitled 'Promoting Safe Egress and Evacuation for People with Disabilities'. The publication is aimed at ensuring the speedy and safe evacuation of public buildings by people with a disability, particularly in the event of an emergency.

The report is available for download (PDF format) or viewing (HTML format), at: <http://www.nda.ie/egress>

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UNITED STATES

Aging and Disability: Implications for the Housing Industry and Housing Policy in the US

In an article originally published in Journal of the American Planning Association, Volume 74, Issue 3, June 2008, pages 289 – 306, researchers found that, by one measure of disability, a startling 60% of all houses built today in the United States will have at least one resident with a "long-lasting, severe mobility impairment" at some point in the lifetime of the house. Using a second measure, the odds are 25% -- and, these do not account for short-term disabilities. Nor do they take into account the desire of people with disabilities to visit their friends and relatives. When visiting is accounted for, the percents of houses affected rise to 93% and 51%.

To download and read the article in PDF format or view it in HTML format, visit:

<http://www.informaworld.com/smpp/content~db=all?content=10.1080/01944360802197132>

The ASSIST Guidebook to the Accessible Home Now Online

Subtitled "Practical Designs for Home Modifications and New Construction" is now available online. This 2005 publication by ASSIST, an independent non-profit Community Design Center founded in 1969 by the Graduate School of Architecture at the University of Utah and the Utah Society of the American Institute of Architects. The center provides architectural design, community planning and development assistance to non-profit and community groups, and housing and accessibility design assistance to low income households or persons with disabilities.

Access the book at: http://www.assistutah.org/docs/guidebook_v6.pdf

Additionally, these other resources are available:

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- + Visitability Slide Show, <http://www.assistutah.org/access-visitability/visitability.htm>
 - + Practical Home Modifications Slide Show, http://www.assistutah.org/access_homemod/homemod.htm
 - + New Home Construction Slideshow, http://www.assistutah.org/access_newhome/newhome.htm
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AT&T and Universal Design

AT&T Mobility has created a document where scenarios such as accessing phone keys in a darkened theater, waiting for a call in a noisy environment, or trying to operate your phone during an emergency, are considered. In these cases, tactile markings on the phone, vibrate mode, and voice dialing benefit anyone who might find themselves in situations of impairment (vision, hearing, speech, cognitive or dexterity) temporarily or for longer terms. In essence, principles of "barrier-free design" or "design for all" are not seen as constraints on design, but as fodder for innovation.

Read AT&T Mobility's perspective on the relationship between accessibility and innovation (PDF format) at: http://developer.att.com/devcentral/Orphan_Docs/Universal_Design.pdf

Creating Aging Friendly Communities

The Creating Aging-Friendly Communities online conference was held February/March 2008 and brought together top experts in aging and community development with individuals and organizations working to make their communities more aging-friendly. This web site makes almost 30 of these presentations available to the public, for free. The host is - CoP (Community of Practice), an online organization offering online technical assistance for communities working to become more aging-friendly.

Unique Characteristics of Aging-Friendly Communities, <http://www.icohere.com/agingfriendly/program.htm>
Strategies to Create More Aging-Friendly Communities, <http://www.icohere.com/agingfriendly/program2.htm>
Best Practice Models - How We Can All Work Together, <http://www.icohere.com/agingfriendly/program3.htm>

To read more, visit: <http://www.icohere.com/agingfriendly/index.htm>

Design Games Accessible to Everyone

Every year more and more people join the ranks of gamers, and new and innovative products are created to feed this influx. However, despite all this progress, disabled gamers have been routinely left behind. Many of the most popular games and systems are inaccessible to various forms of disability, such as visual impairments. Equally troublesome is that the games that *are*

accessible are generally not playable by the mainstream market, due to the very design quirks that made the game accessible in the first place!

This article takes a look at the impact usability changes have had on the expanding gaming industry, and argues how to make interesting games for a mainstream audience that are accessible to the disabled by using examples of games that have interesting accessibility solutions, and suggests which genres are especially suited to such efforts.

Read the full article at:

http://www.gamasutra.com/view/feature/3538/designing_games_that_are_.php

Living Green

In connection with the Duvall (WA) Heritage Festival, a showcase feature allows one to tour a sustainably built site harvested hand-hewn log home (Mike and Karen Vowels), experience the many green upgrades that speak to architectural art forms and energy conservation and also appreciate the inclusion of Universal Design. The King County Green Tools Program has chosen this Green Home to serve as a "Remodel Case Study" of Sustainable and Green building practices.

You can read more about the house tour at: <http://www.loghomebuilders.org/living-green-king-county-case-study-green-remodeling>

To learn more about Mike Vowels Inc, visit: <http://www.mikevowelsinc.com/default.htm>

Easter Seals Project ACTION Adds Webinars – Accessible Web Sites

Easter Seals has implemented another means of distance learning, and the first two programs focused on Accessible Web Sites:

Accessible Web Sites: Why Every Transit System Should Have An Accessible Web Site
Accessible Web sites: An Intro to Accessibility Basics Every Web Admin Should Know!

To access the PDF format transcripts for these two programs, visit:

http://projectaction.easterseals.com/site/PageServer?pagename=ESPA_distance_learning_2008_Webinar_Accessible_Websites&JServSessionIdr009=kqdczdk3w1.app24b

Global Universal Design Commission

The Global Universal Design Commission (GUDC) is a not-for-profit corporation recently established with support from the public and private sectors. The purpose is to increase the understanding and use of universal design (UD) to change the world in which we live through the design and development of buildings, products, and environments to be useable by all

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people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation, retrofitting, or specialized design. On May 30th, 2008 the [Inaugural GUDC Meeting](#) began an open, public process to create standards for the built environment and products to impact and benefit families and communities in the U.S. and worldwide.

To learn more, see: <http://globaluniversaldesign.org/>

Guidance on Rights-of-Way Access Available from the Access Board

Public streets and sidewalks present unique access challenges that are not encompassed by existing guidelines or standards. Access at street crossings for pedestrians with vision impairments, on-street parking, and constraints posed by terrain and space limitations are just some of the issues that often arise. The Access Board has and is developing guidelines for public rights-of-way that will address these and other issues so that practitioners have an established reference for achieving accessible streets and sidewalks.

Read the overview at: <http://www.access-board.gov/news/row-guidance.htm>

The guide (pdf and html versions) can be downloaded/viewed at: <http://www.access-board.gov/prowac/alterations/guide.htm>

Accessible Sidewalk videos now online at: <http://www.access-board.gov/news/sidewalk-videos.htm>

Additional Public Rights of Way resources are available at: <http://www.access-board.gov/prowac/index.htm>

IDEA Center News, New Continuing Education Program

The Center for Inclusive Design and Environmental Access (IDEA) announced a new continuing education program designed for anyone (e.g., advocates, builders/contractors, planners, architects, occupational and physical therapists, and policymakers) interested in learning about the universal design of places, products, and systems with a particular focus on the implications of a life span perspective.

Read more at: <http://www.udeworld.com/education/index.php>

The Institute for Human Centered Design Awarded NEA Universal Design Leadership Project for 2008

The Institute for Human Centered Design (formerly Adaptive Environments) has been awarded the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Universal Design Leadership Project for 2008 -- for International Web-Based Universal Design Case Study Collection.

They plan to mount a collection that details actual projects in key categories with narrative descriptions, specific details of the inclusive design features, photos and contact information for the team that designed and built the project. The categories are health, public space, transport,

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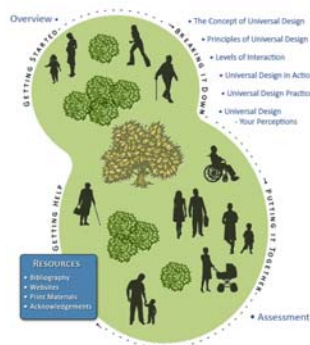
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commercial, culture, education, housing, public buildings and historic preservation. The case study website will be fully accessible and a critical tool for feeding the growing appetite for information, especially in light of the new UN Treaty on the Human Rights of People with Disabilities. An initial minimum set of fifty (50) case studies will be created within the twelve months of Phase I of what will be an ongoing web resource. Those initial case studies would be a mix of developed and developing nation examples culled from projects presented at the five international universal design conferences we have hosted or co-hosted since 1998 along with projects familiar in other ways.

Read more at: <http://www.adaptenv.org/index.php?articleid=909&option=News>

Online UD Course



The Eppley Institute for Parks and Public Lands (Indiana University) has designed a free, online course that provides an introduction to the concept of Universal Design and its seven principles. In addition, the course presents the history, principles, and progress of Universal Design as it applies to the designer, programmer, and the consumer.

To read more about the course and take it, visit:

http://www.eppley.org/index.php?main_page=product_info&cPath=48&products_id=65

Regreen Guidelines include Universal Design Strategies

The American Society of Interior Designers' (ASID) Foundation and the U.S. Green Building Council have partnered on the development of best practice guidelines and targeted educational resources for sustainable residential improvement projects. This program will increase understanding of sustainable renovation project practices and benefits among homeowners, residents, design professionals, product suppliers and service providers to build both demand and industry capacity. These guidelines also include suggestions for the inclusion of Universal Design elements in sustainable residential projects.

The full guidelines are at: http://www.regreenprogram.org/documents/regreen_guidelines.pdf

Report -- Refreshed Accessibility Standards and Guidelines in Telecommunications and Electronic and Information Technology

The provisions recommended in this report apply to a full range of Information and communications technology (ICT), including those used for communication, duplication, computing, storage, presentation, control, transport and production. The goal is to make these

products accessible to as wide a range of people with disabilities as possible including people with:

- Visual disabilities (blindness, low vision, and lack of color perception)
- Hearing disabilities (hard of hearing and deafness)
- Physical disabilities (e.g., limited strength, reach or manipulation, tremor, lack of sensation)
- Speech disabilities
- Cognitive disabilities (e.g., disabilities affecting reading, language, learning, thinking, remembering, sequencing, etc.)
- Other disabilities (e.g., photosensitive seizure disorders), and individuals with some combinations of these conditions (e.g., deaf-blindness).

To read the full recommendation report, see: <http://www.access-board.gov/sec508/refresh/report/>

Universal Designers & Consultants New Website

On July 14, 2008 Universal Designers & Consultants Inc. unveiled its redesigned website, www.UniversalDesign.com. The site includes design tips, products, information and resources that demonstrate universal design and assist visitors in enhancing the built environment – whether it is a business or home. The information provided is intended to make businesses and homes more usable, comfortable and safe for the broad range of human abilities.

See: <http://www.universaldesign.com/>

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James Dyson Award Winners

The James Dyson Award is an annual design competition which recognizes young designers and engineers who demonstrate Dyson's design philosophy - the ability to think differently, persist in the face of set-backs and create functional, innovative products that improve the way we live. The winner is selected from the shortlist of national winners from Dyson's Design Award program, currently held in 14 countries (see the list at <http://www.jamesdysonfoundation.com/jda/howto.asp>).

Check out this years winner along with the other entries at:
<http://www.jamesdysonfoundation.com/jda/winner2008.asp>

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You can also check out past winners (2007),
<http://www.jamesdysonfoundation.com/jda/winner2007.asp> and (2006)
<http://www.jamesdysonfoundation.com/jda/winner2006.asp>

Kyoto Design Declaration

The Kyoto Design Declaration was signed in Kyoto on the 28th of March 2008 by the Executive Board of Cumulus (the International Association of Universities and Colleges of Art, Design and Media), representing the 124 global members of Cumulus. The Declaration received support from ICSID, BEDA, AIGA, EIDD and Icograda. By signing the Kyoto Design Declaration, the members of Cumulus committed to sharing global responsibility for building sustainable, human-centred and creative societies.



To read more about the signing, see:

http://www.icograda.org/news/year/2008_news/articles1079.htm

To read the historical declaration (PDF Format), visit:

http://www.cumulusassociation.org/images/stories/Current_affairs_files/kyoto_design_declaration2008.pdf

Scott Rains Around the World

If you have been following Inclusive Travel Tourism, at all, you will have come across Scott Rains! Whether it's how you get to a destination, your experience with lodging, facilities, activities, and more, Scott discusses all of this in his blog, Rolling Rains. And, that's not all Scott covers – his blog is about “Precipitating Dialogue on Travel, Disability, and Universal Design”

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Recent topics found include:

- + IncludeEverybody.org
- + Visit to a custom built fully wheelchair-friendly 47 foot yacht and the shipyard where it was constructed
- + On the Road in India: Inclusive Destination Development by Disabled Entrepreneurs
- + Rex Pace on Universal Design (a video)
- + (India) Ministry of Tourism (MoT) has made it mandatory for all new projects and tourists sites that are being funded by it to incorporate elements of Inclusive Tourism

Additionally, there are frequent reports in Spanish and Portuguese from those communities around the world.

Check out Rolling Rains at: <http://www.rollingrains.com/>

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CALENDAR AND CALLS FOR PAPERS

March 15-19, 2009: Aging in America 2009, Las Vegas, NV. To learn more about the conference, see: <http://www.agingconference.org/asav2/conf/jc/jc09/index2.cfm>

March 29-31, 2009: Environments for Aging '09, Boston, MA. To learn about the recently held 2008 conference, see: <http://www.environmentsforaging.com/ME2/Default.asp>

April 5-9, 2009: INCLUDE 2009 -- Inclusive Design into Innovation: Transforming Practice in Design, Research and Business, Royal College of Art, London, UK. For full details, see: http://www.hhc.rca.ac.uk/1345/all/1/include_2009.aspx

April 2009: The Inclusive Tourism Conference, ICAT 2009, Singapore. To read about the 2007 conference, see: <http://www.rollingrains.com/archives/001979.html>

July 7-10, 2009: Second International Conference on the Inclusive Museum, University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia. Full details at: <http://z09.cgpublisher.com/>

June, 2010: The 12th International Conference on Mobility and Transport for Elderly and Disabled Persons (TRANSED 2010), Hong Kong. Theme will be "Sustainable Transport and Travel for All." The conference will be hosted by the Hong Kong Society for Rehabilitation. Eventually, information will be available at: www.transed2010.hk (for more information on Global Transportation events and news, check out <http://www.globalride-sf.org/newsletters/0806.pdf>)

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