The electronic Newsletter of IBPSA England (2017 No. 2)

Dear IBPSA England members

Please find the June England Email newsletter (eNews) below. The IBPSA eNews is published on a quarterly basis, namely at the end of the following months: March, June, September, and December.

This issue in June is our second IBPSA England eNews letter in 2017. It includes information on an open letter in response to a recent publication in BSERT, an incoming IBPSA-England meeting in London, a new construction science and management course, a public and open-access dataset from the REFIT project, and many others.

Happy reading!

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Item 1: IBPSA-England's open letter to a publication in BSERT

IBPSA-England noted the Telegraph news article on 2 May 2017 titled "Energy scandal: misleading efficiency claims leading to huge bills for customers", and the potential for it to cast a negative view of the simulation and modelling community in the UK. The article based on a paper produced by the University of Bath, and published in Sage/CIBSE's BSERT titled "The building performance gap: Are Modellers literate?", sets out to establish the case for more uniformity in how modelling is taught and regulated in the UK. Given the potential for reputational impacts on the standing of the simulation and modelling community in the UK, IBPSA England board felt compelled to provide a reply to counter the developing circumstances.

IBPSA agree that there are issues to address in the uniformity of education of modellers in
the built environment sector. However, we are less certain that this particular paper in conjunction with the tabloid headlines generated is the correct way to go about it. In reply, IBPSA England has written an open letter to the editor of BSERT, criticising the construction and content of the research paper but calling for more meaningful dialogue between the interested UK professional bodies and academic stakeholders. The letter puts forward our view that all research, together with its peer review processes should be of the very highest calibre.

Item 2: **Modelling Residential Buildings: Comfort, Energy and Well Being**

The IBPSA-ENGLAND is holding a meeting to talk about *Modelling Residential Buildings: Comfort, Energy and Well Being* at the Hoare Lea Office in London at 5.30 - 7.30 pm on Thursday, 6th July 2017. Speakers include: Anna Mavrogianni (Lecturer, UCL), Philip Kelly (Senior Associate, Hoare Lea), Susie Diamond (Founding Partner, Inkling) and Ashley Bateson (Partner, Hoare Lea). It's an free event and anyone with an interest in modelling residential buildings are welcome to attend. For more information and registration of the event, here is the [link](#).

Item 3: **New Construction Science and Management course at University of Lincoln**

A new BSc (Hons) Construction Science and Management program is launched in the Lincoln School of Architecture and the Built Environment at University of Lincoln. This program is run on a part-time (5 years) or full-time (3 years) basis. For more information about the course and entry requirements, here is the [link](#).

Item 4: **REFIT Open-Access Dataset**

The data collected on the REFIT project ([http://www.refitsmarthomes.org/](http://www.refitsmarthomes.org/)) has now been published on the Loughborough University data repository. This is now a public and open-access dataset. Here is the [link](#) for download. Please contact Steven Firth for any queries.