Dear IBPSA England members

Please find the December 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.

Due to a special issue published in January, this issue in December is our fifth IBPSA England eNews letter in 2016. It includes message from the Chair, information on call for abstracts for a special issue of JIBPS, IBPSA BS17 student modelling competition, CIBSE ASHRAE technical symposium 2017, LoLo fully funded PhD studentships, and many others.

Happy reading!

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P.S. If you would like to share IBPSA England related information with all IBPSA England delegates, please don't hesitate to send an email to m.he@lboro.ac.uk

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Item 1: Message from the Chair

At the end of 2016, we can look back at yet another successful year for IBPSA-England. The highlight was undoubtedly our biennial conference, BSO, which was hosted at Newcastle University in September; this has become established as a true international event. BSO2016 also marked the anniversary of 10 years of IBPSA-England, with the conference taking place exactly on the same day as our inaugural symposium in 2006. The new Board of Directors, voted in early in the year, is working on a range of issues to make sure we are in a good position for the next decennium. At present, work is in process to organise a number of one-day events in England for the coming year; undoubtedly many of us will also meet at the Building Simulation conference in the USA next summer. In the longer term, we can look
forward to BSO being hosted in Cambridge in 2018. However, any ideas and suggestions for further events or activities are always welcome.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Happy 2017.

Pieter de Wilde
Chair of IPBSA-England

Item 2: Call for abstracts: Special Issue in JBPS - Building Performance Simulation and the User

Aiming to encourage the Building Performance Simulation (BPS) community to take a more 'user centric' approach to BPS, this special issue in Journal of Building Performance Simulation (JBPS) attempts to unfold how: 1) BPS might be used in various contexts; 2) Different built environment professions might interact with BPS; 3) Performance assessment could be or is undertaken by users with different levels of knowledge of building physics and environmental design. Contributions are invited in the following areas to be submitted for peer review, although other topics are also welcome:

- Tasks and goals of BPS users and potential users
- Problems with using BPS
- Users and BPS quality assurance
- Interaction of users with BPS and computer systems
- Teaching BPS to users

Abstract submission deadline (300 words to Guest Editors): July 01 2017. Full-length article submission deadline December 15 2017. Please address all correspondence regarding this topical issue to the Guest Editors: Clarice Bleil de Souza bleidesouzac@cardiff.ac.uk and Simon Tucker s.s.tucker@ljmu.ac.uk.

Item 3: IBPSA BS17 Student Modelling Competition

IBPSA BS17 student modelling competition is now open for intent of submission. This year's competition involves using computer simulation to design and test a laboratory building with mixed uses including labs, offices and classroom spaces located in downtown San Francisco, CA, USA. Please notify Christina Hopfe (IBPSA-England) of your intent to submit an entry via email C.J.Hopfe@lboro.ac.uk by February 06 2017.

Item 4: CIBSE ASHRAE Technical Symposium 2017
The seventh annual Technical Symposium will be held in Loughborough University on 5-6 April 2017. The theme for this year is 'Delivering Resilient High Performance Buildings' - Engineering and maintaining buildings and systems to provide resilient lifetime performance. The aim of the 2017 Technical Symposium is to provide evidence of the successful adoption of resilience in the design and operation of buildings. Booking is now open: https://cibse.force.com/eventapi__simple_event?id=a1E0O00001VarWPUAZ

Item 5: 15 LoLo CDT fully funded PhD studentships

London-Loughborough Centre for Doctoral Training in Energy Demand (LoLo CDT) is the premier centre for energy demand research in the built environment in the UK, bringing together two leading energy research universities UCL and Loughborough University. Applications are now open for up to 15 fully funded studentships for entry into the 2017/2018 academic year. Deadline Monday January 30 2017 (5PM GMT). Interviews will be held in February 2017 (date TBC).

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