

Dean's Roundup

Friday, October 25th, 2013

Roundup: *Ceiling function*, the mathematical operation of rounding a number up to the next higher integer.

Roundup: a term in American English referring to the process of gathering animals into an area, known as a "Muster" in Australia.

Rounding up: when a helmsman cannot control a boat and it heads into the wind

Roundup: the plan for an invasion of northern France by Allied forces during World War II (Wikipedia)

Dean's Roundup: part blog, part bulletin; part honour roll, part curatorial [cu'ra-to' ri-al (ky'ōr'e-tōr'ē-əl, -tōr'-)] n. nounised by the Dean from curator + editorial]

Dear All,

Since everyone seems under pressure this week, I shall keep it short. To report: this week the faculty submitted a bid to the university for an impressively configured integrated GIS-BIM laboratory, to be housed in what is currently the lecture theatre on the fifth floor. Lecture capacity will not be reduced since we are taking over the much better theatre on the 4th floor of the Knowles Building. The lab will be set up in what the engineers and computer scientists call a 'cave' – surround graphics etc – and we are also bidding for a post-doc cave-man or woman to support research, researchers and advanced students. So watch for the advert for a NPD (Neanderthal post doc). The facility will bring us up to the standard of the best teaching units in the world like Stanford. We already have a batch of funded teaching and research projects to use the facility – Wilson Lu alone has 6 BIM projects looking for a better home and I know there are others in REC and an interest in the other two departments. There will probably be around 10-15 BIM and GIS projects in the Faculty that can immediately make use of the Lab to raise their profile, draw on improved technology, forge synergies etc. There is also a proposal to build high-quality coffee consumption into the renovation.

Congratulations and thanks for all the hard work represented below.

Keep cool, sane and happy in this busy period.

Chris

Department of Architecture

1. Christian J. Lange
 - presented a paper co-authored with Ingeborg M. Rocker at the International Conference on Adaptation and Movement in Architecture (ICAMA 2013), in October, Ryerson University, Toronto, Canada.
2. Tom Verebes
 - BOOK LAUNCH for his "Masterplanning the Adaptive City" book, hosted at The Architectural Association in London. Discussion Event with Brett Steele, Patrik Schumacher, Marina Lathouri and Christopher Lee. Attendance: 220 people
 - delivered an EVENING LECTURE on October 16th at the Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL, London, in their International Lecture Series.
 - participated as a critic in a Design Studio Review in Phase II Thesis projects of the post-professional MArch programme, Design Research Lab, at the Architectural Association, London

Department of Real Estate and Construction

1. Professor KW Chau
 - presented the paper "Problems and practical solutions for developing tradable repeat sales indices: a Hong Kong case study" at the *Economic Measurement Group Workshop Asia*, which was held in Japan on October 15th to 16th, 2013
 - has been elected President of The Chinese Research Institute of Construction Management for the period 2014-16.
2. Dr. Wilson Lu
 - chaired a keynote speech session on the 18th International Symposium on "Advancement of Construction Management and Real Estate" organized by the Chinese Research Institute of Construction Management (CRIOCM) and Xi'an Jiaotong University, from October 19th to 20th 2013, Xi'an, China.
 - presented a conference paper "Lu, W.S. (2013). Estimating the amount of building-related construction and demolition waste in China, the 18th International Symposium on 'Advancement of Construction Management and Real Estate', October 19th to 20th, Xi'an, China".
3. Dr. Yi Peng (a postdoctoral fellow candidate)
 - presented a conference paper "Peng, Y., Shen, L.Y., Lu, W. S., and Yuan, H. P. (2013). Measuring the degree of rural victims' satisfaction with concentrated rural settlement in post-disaster reconstruction in China: A conceptual model. The 18th International Symposium on 'Advancement of Construction Management and Real Estate', October 19th to 20th, Xi'an, China".

4. Mr. Wang Hongdi (PhD student)

- presented a conference paper “Wang, H.D. (2013). Informal network in construction project management. The 18th International Symposium on ‘Advancement of Construction Management and Real Estate’, October 19th to 20th, Xi’An, China”.

5. Dr. Kelvin Wong

- was the discussant of the paper “Commercial Property Price Indexes for Tokyo”, at the *Economic Measurement Group Workshop Asia*, which was held in Japan from October 15th to 16th, 2013.

Department of Urban Planning and Design

1. Professor Rebecca Chiu

- **The Centre of Urban Studies and Urban Planning (CUSUP) and Affordable Housing Research Network (AHRN)** jointly organized a public forum “2013 Long Term Housing Strategy: Building Sustainable Homes?” on October 19th, 2013 with the Hong Kong Institute of Planners, the Hong Kong Institute of Architects, the Hong Kong Institute of Housing, the Hong Kong Institute of Planners, the Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors and the Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design. The Secretary for Transport and Housing, Professor Anthony Cheung, gave a keynote speech. Representatives from the five professional institutes formed the Roundtable Discussion Panel. The forum was very well attended.
- gave a keynote speech entitled “ 2013 LTHS: an Academic Perspective” at the AHRN forum on October 19th, 2013.



2. Dr. Weifeng Li

- has been elected as Member of the Board of Directors of International Association for China Planning (IACP). IACP is an independent non-profit organization of scholars, students, and practitioners interested in planning issues in China, founded in the United States in 2005.

3. Professor Bo-sin Tang

- gave a keynote speech entitled “Planning and developing Hong Kong as a world city under ‘One Country, Two Systems’” and participated in panel discussions at the Asian City Forum 2013 co-organized by Tongji University and Shanghai Urban Planning and Research Institute at Shanghai. Other speakers came from universities in Singapore, Indonesia, India, Vietnam, Taipei, Philippines and South Korea, on October 16th, 2013.

4. Dean Webster

- published the following scientific paper in the journal BiomedCentral Public Health:

C. Sarkar, J. Gallacher, C. Webster (2013) Urban built environment configuration and psychological distress in older men: Results from the Caerphilly study. BMC Public Health, 13:695. doi:10.1186/1471-2458-13-695.

Online access: <http://www.biomedcentral.com/1471-2458/13/695/abstract>

- has been invited to give a keynote at the 11th International Conference on Urban Health (ICUH) hosted in Manchester, United Kingdom, on March 5th-7th, 2014. ICUH is recognised as the premier non-governmental global forum for urban health issues and it attracts multidisciplinary scientists, practitioners, development partners and various national and regional senior policymakers in health, population, finance and planning from around the world. The event is supported by the International Society for Urban Health, which is based at the New York Academy of Medicine. The organisers are hoping to attract approximately 2,000 delegates from around the world.
- has been made an honorary member of the HKIUD
- has been invited to join the Steering Group of the Hong Kong Green Building Council to advise on green neighbourhood evaluation methodology.

5. Professor Anthony Yeh

- has continued to be ranked as scholar with top 1 % citations in the world in the ISI's (Web of Knowledge) Essential Science Indicators since it was set up in 2009. This year, 125 scholars in HKU have been included with less than eight in social sciences. Details can be found in <http://hub.hku.hk/local/top1pc/top1pc.jsp>.