

Dean's Roundup

Friday May 30th 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

Dear colleagues,

Welcome to the first Dean's Roundup. I'll use this weekly email to make announcements, share thoughts, be provocative, give the heads-up on forthcoming initiatives and importantly, share the Faculty's successes over the previous week. I won't necessarily do all of these each week.

Dean's Roundup will go to all colleagues in the Departments and Faculty and to RPG students, who I am eager to consider as junior colleagues – aspiring academics who will benefit from a view into the weekly life of the faculty.

Let me start by thanking you all for making this first month in office a very enjoyable and stimulating one. I am gradually getting to know colleagues and that means I can start to interact with you and address issues on a meaningful basis.

I mentioned a list of strategic initiatives underway or imminent at the Faculty Board recently so I shan't repeat myself in this week's Roundup.

Highlights of the first month for me include:

- The Inaugural meeting of Landscape Students Association (outstandingly organised)
- Praise from Professor Donald Bates, External Reviewer for our third year Architectural students, who returns to Melbourne today envious and worried. Well done students and teachers for impressing him so profoundly
- Discussions with Tris, John and Joshua about their respective community design programmes – I am committed to sustaining this important part of the Faculty's portfolio
- High praise from REC's Advisory Council.
- Reviews of the Faculty's 4 Foundation Courses, which demonstrated to me the high standard of curriculum design in the Faculty
- My visit to Shanghai Study Centre and Fudan University with the VC – the SSC is viewed as a great asset by the University's Senior Management Team.
- Preparing to join ACP's Shanghai Study Visit – promises to be a truly impressive learning experience for the students
- The two Housing Conferences at the start of the month – both good platforms for professional engagement and dissemination.

So to this week's list of Faculty achievements (which may be a little longer than normal since this is the first Roundup). For next week, only achievements learned of or actioned (etc) this week please (ie we're working a week in retrospect). To all those below: congratulations and thanks for your valuable contributions to the work and profile of our faculty and the university.

Dean Webster
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Department of Architecture

1. Mr. Jason Carlow

- has been awarded the Faculty Knowledge Exchange Award 2013 in respect of the outstanding accomplishments achieved in ArtAlive@Park 2012 and ArtAlive@Park 2010
- won an Honorable Mention in the "Build a Bench for Kowloon East International Design Competition" organized by the Hong Kong Institute of Architects and Hong Kong Arts Development Council, in line with the 13th Venice Biennale International Architecture Exhibition Hong Kong Response Exhibition
<http://www.hkia.net/en/News/action.do?method=detail&mappingName=LocalNews&id=4028813c3ea9a878013ec166b30f0045>

2. Ms. Tris Kee

- has been invited to exhibit at the BEYOND ARCHITECTURE Exhibition organized by the Hong Kong Architecture Center at HK Central Library on 15-19 May 2013
- has been invited to exhibit at the Venice Biennale Response Exhibition organized by the Hong Kong Institute of Architects at the Energizing Kowloon East Office opened on 18 May 2013
- participated as exhibiter for Housing 2020 exhibition
- presented a conference paper "Contemporary Design Practice in Multidisciplinary Collaborations" at GENDERED PERSPECTIVES IN DESIGN and Global Context at Yaşar University, İzmir, Turkey
- has been invited to be a member for the Programme Validation Panel at HKU SPACE Architectural Studies on 16 May 2013
- has been re-invited to be the Editor in Chief for the Hong Kong Institute of Architects Journal (appointment since 2011)
- obtained professional qualification as Authorized Person by examination by the Buildings Department

3. Mr. Stephen S. Y. Lau

- has published a paper with Gou Z. "Post-occupancy evaluation of thermal environment in a green building", Facilities, Vol. 31 Iss: 7/8, pp. 357-371
DOI: 10.1108/02632771311317493<<http://dx.doi.org/10.1108/02632771311317493>>
Publisher: Emerald Group Publishing Limited

4. Mr. Christian Lange

- won an Honorable Mention in the "Build a Bench for Kowloon East International Design Competition" organized by the Hong Kong Institute of Architects and Hong Kong Arts Development Council, in line with the 13th Venice Biennale International Architecture Exhibition Hong Kong Response Exhibition
<http://www.hkia.net/en/News/action.do?method=detail&mappingName=LocalNews&id=4028813c3ea9a878013ec166b30f0045>

5. Mr. Tom Verebes

- was Invited to serve as a Member of the *International Evaluation Committee, EPFL Fellows*, co-funded by Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellowships, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Switzerland, 2013-2014
- has given a lecture at the Shanghai Study Centre, on Monday 27 May, 7:30pm as part of the 'Next Decade' series of lectures, titled, '*Masterplanning the Adaptive City*'.

6. Mr. Koon Wee

- has been invited to join the Public Space in Urban Asia Forum organized by the Asian Urban Lab in Singapore as a commentator, session chairperson and advisory board member

7. Dr. W S Wong

- has given a talk on the promotion of teaching kit of architecture to secondary schools on 18th May 2013, in HKIA

Department of Real Estate and Construction

1. Professor Lawrence W. C. Lai and Professor KW Chau were awarded the 2012 RURDS prize. The following paper has been awarded the 2012 Review of Urban & Regional Development Studies (RURDS) best paper award:

Lai, L. W. C., Chau, K. W., & Cheung, P. A. C. (2012). Scale Economies of the Franchised Buses and Ferries of Hong Kong, 1948–1998. *Review of Urban & Regional Development Studies*, 24(3), 121-140.

The announcement can be found at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/rurd.12007/full>

2. Dr LH Li has been awarded the grant award from KC Wong Education Foundation (王寬誠教育基金會) for a visitorship to South China University of Technology in September.
3. Dr SW Poon has received a grant of “Certification with Building Environmental Assessment Method (BEAM) Plus – Learning from Project Team Members” of Small Project Funding with an amount of \$80,000.
4. Dr SW Poon has received an invitation from Antiquities and Monuments Office for a site inspection on the construction works unearthed at MTR work site at the old Kai Tak Airport.
5. Dr Wilson W. S. Lu has published the following papers in May 2013:

Conference papers

Liang, C., Lu, W.S., and Rowlinson, S. (2013). Demystifying the time-effort distribution curves: Towards a model for measuring overall benefits of BIM implementation in architecture, engineering, and construction processes. HKU-HKHA Conference 2013: Construction and Housing in the 21st Century, 2-3 May, 2013, Hong Kong.

Lu, W.S. and Tam, V.W.Y. (2013). Construction waste management policies and their effectiveness in Hong Kong: A longitudinal review. International Conference on Solid Waste 2013: Innovation in Technology and Management, 5th-9th May 2013, Hong Kong.

Journal papers

Yang, H. and Lu, W.S. (2013). Niche Comparisons: towards a new approach for analyzing competition and organizational performance in the international construction market. *Construction Management and Economics*, forthcoming.

Lu, W.S. and Tam, V.W. Y. (2013). Construction waste management policies and their effectiveness in Hong Kong: A longitudinal review. *Renewable & Sustainable Energy Reviews*, 23, 214-223.

Department of Urban Planning and Design

1. Dr Roger C. K. Chan

- has been re-appointed as the External Examiner for MSc in International Real Estate (Zhejiang), Faculty of Construction and Environment, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (2012-2015).
- has been appointed as a Member of the Central and Western District Advisory Committee, Urban Renewal Authority (2013-4).
- has been appointed as a Member of the Executive Committee of the International Centre for China Development Studies, The University of Hong Kong (2013-2015).
- has attended The 3rd World Conference on Research Integrity in Montreal, Canada (May 2013) as a Member of The University of Hong Kong delegation.

2. Professor Rebecca L.H. Chiu

- has accepted the invitation of the government to join the Expert Panel of the Tung Chung New town Extension Study – Stage 2 Public Engagement, 21 May 2013 – 20 July 2013.
- has joined the Policy and Strategy Working Group of the Antiquities Advisory Board as a board member for the review of the policy on the conservation of privately-owned historic buildings in Hong Kong. (effective from May 21, 2013)

3. Dean Webster

Webster C, Refutation and the scientific knowledge-base of urban planning practice. Urban Planning Forum (in Chinese) Published May 2013.

Sarkar C, Gallacher J and Webster C. Urban built environment configuration and psychological distress in older men: Results from the Caerphilly study. BMC Public Health (accepted May 2013).

Roitman S, Webster C and Landman K (2012) Methodological frameworks and interdisciplinary research on gated communities. First published in International Planning Studies, 15(1) pp 3-23. (Winner of the AESOP Prize European paper in planning award 2010). Re-published in Hebbert et.al. Dialogues in Urban Planning (selection of leading papers published in the preceding year to bring together the best international planning scholarship, published May 2013).