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## EDITOR'S NOTE

In this issue we see a range of world wide activity to create more inclusive physical and information environments for everyone. There are cultural differences in language; barrier-free seems to be used with the broader meaning of "design for all."

We learn that new universal design Centers have opened in Ireland and Singapore as well as the Studio for Adaptable and Inclusive Design (US). We continue to find award programs that recognize excellence in universal Design such as the Schindler Award (Europe), Universal Design Awards (Singapore), Accesible America Awards (US), Livable Communities Awards (US) and the International Design Excellence Awards (World).

Conferences continue to provide opportunities for those practicing and researching the tenents of universal design to gather and exchange ideas such as at the Accessible Tourism Conference (Asia-Pacific) and the upcoming Trade Fair for Barrier-Free Construction, Homes and Living for All (Germany), European Business Conference on Inclusive Design (Nordic Countries), Building Comfortable and Liveable Environments for All (World) and The UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing (World). Publications, such as an upcoming issue of Ultimate Home Design continue to spread the word.

More and more examples of universal design in practice are unveiled such as via the Universal Home: Ideas for Living Space for All Stages of Life (Germany), Elderly Inmates Get Barrier-Free Jails (Japan), Barrier-Free Banking (Switzerland), Inclusive Design Packaging (UK), Landscape Design for Older People (UK), Access Living's Universally Designed Building (US), and Universal Townhouse design (US). Communities, buildings and public spaces continue to strive to be accessible such as Delhi (India) while Accessible Transportation Around the World continues to be a goal.

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Organizations persevere in promoting, supporting, encouraging and funding universal design initiatives such as Let's Play: New Funding Source for Accessible Play Spaces (Canada), more and more ADA resources (US) and AARP International (World).

New collaborations and initiatives continue to pave the way for the Principles of Universal Design and accessibility to be introduced into an ever increasing array of activities and communication such as Designing for Inclusive Play; Applying the Principles of Universal Design to the Playground (US), Microsoft Users to "Save as Daisy (US) and Universal Design on Stage (US).

Last and not least, new legislation continues to gain ground at the local level, with the Tucson Visitability Bill a recent example.

As always, please do check out the Calendar for upcoming events.

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## NEWS FROM THE GLOBAL NETWORK

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### ASIA-PACIFIC

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#### Accessible Tourism

The Second International Conference on Accessible Tourism (ICAT 2007) was held at UNESCAP in Bangkok, November 22-24, 2007. The so-called Bangkok Recommendations are reported at Rolling Rains: <http://www.rollingrains.com/archives/002056.html>.

Two of the recommendations are:

- 5) Governments, business, and academia collaborate effectively with disabled people's organizations to establish, and where necessary amend, standards and practices to assure uniform international minimum standards and promote innovation in best practices through application of the Principles of Universal Design
- 12 e) Accessible accommodation; The Principles of Universal Design are to be used in the construction of all accommodations; International/ regional standards on accommodations applying universal design so that all facilities and rooms in accommodations are accessible for all; Accessible accommodation should cater to the needs of persons with different disabilities and levels of functionality

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For more information about the conference and the full set of recommendations, visit:  
<http://www.rollinggrains.com/archives/001958.html>

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## CANADA

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### Let's Play: New Funding Source for Accessible Play Spaces

The Rick Hansen Foundation and the Province of British Columbia have partnered in a new initiative, "Let's Play", aimed at creating inclusive accessible play areas that welcome individuals with mobility disabilities. Grants of up to \$50,000 will be distributed to support construction, renovation, and purchasing of equipment for accessible play spaces in B.C. Deadline for applications was January 15, 2008. Successful applicants will be announced in March 2008. Grants will be distributed in May 2008.

To learn more, visit <http://www.rickhansen.com/play>

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## EUROPE

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### Schindler Award "Access for All"

The third Schindler Award for Architecture 2007/2008 "Access for All." With the motto "To Reclaim the Public Ground," the competition is open to architecture students across Europe. A key aspect of the competition is "Access for All," i.e. ensuring unobstructed access to buildings for everyone, regardless of physical abilities.

For full details, visit:

[http://www.eca.lu/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=15&Itemid=9](http://www.eca.lu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=15&Itemid=9)

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## GERMANY

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### Trade Fair for Barrier-Free Construction, Homes and Living for All

A new trade fair with the theme of "Barrier-free construction, homes and living for all" will be held September 24 - 27 2008 at the Augsburg Trade Fair Centre (Germany). According to an estimate made by the European Conference of Traffic Ministers, in the very near future more than 30 % of the population of Europe will have long-term restrictions in their mobility, be it through a handicap in the classical sense of the word, or due to their age. To enable this demographic group to participate in the social life of their communities is one of the major tasks facing planners of road space or in the equipment of public transport. The exhibits will be organized into:

- + **barrier-free construction** -- presents the barrier-free construction and refurbishment of immovable properties and public spaces, utilising special concepts and parts
- + **barrier-free homes** -- free access to the living area and to the common parts are just as important as functional furniture and sanitary furnishings
- + **safe and self-determined living** -- this is where products, furnishings and services are exhibited, which make life safe and more comfortable

Full details at: [http://www.fachmesse-b-free.de/veranstaltungen/b\\_free/english.html](http://www.fachmesse-b-free.de/veranstaltungen/b_free/english.html)

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### Universal Home: Ideas for Living Space for All Stages of Life

In October 2006, ten young designers and architects from all over the world took up their annual scholarship at Zollverein to do research in cooperation with eleven companies on the future oriented issue "Universal Home". The designers were from diverse locals – Malta, China, Canada, Germany, Brazil, Turkey and Vietnam. Two of the groups developed concepts on living space called "Make Yourself at Home" and "S.M.A.R.T.er Home."

For full details on all the projects, see: [http://www.dexigner.com/design\\_news/universal-home-ideas-for-a-living-space-for-all-stages-of-life.html](http://www.dexigner.com/design_news/universal-home-ideas-for-a-living-space-for-all-stages-of-life.html)

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### Delhi Strives to be Accessible to All in 2008

The Rajiv Gandhi Foundation in collaboration with Samarthy National Centre for Promotion of Barrier Free Environment for Disabled Persons identified 20 sites and services in the Capital to

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make them accessible to all under its "Accessible Delhi" project. This is part of a two-year project that seeks to develop Delhi as a "model barrier-free city." It is a component of the bigger plan, "Accessible Delhi -- A Road Map for 2003-2008."

For the full article, see: <http://www.hindu.com/2008/01/26/stories/2008012656540400.htm>

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## IRELAND

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### Centre for Excellence in Universal Design

The National Design Authority (NDA) launched the Centre for Excellence in Universal Design in October 2007. The goal of the centre is to ensure that planners and designers create an environment that is accessible to and usable by all people, including those with a disability. The concept of universal design refers to the design and composition of an environment that can be accessed, understood and used to the greatest extent possible by all people. This includes public places in the built environment such as buildings, streets or spaces that the public have access to; products and services provided in those places; and systems that are available including information and communications technology (ICT).

To learn more about the centre, visit:

<http://www.nda.ie/cntmqmtnew.nsf/0/C17C0D42AF5BE6D680257375005CB705?OpenDocument>

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## JAPAN

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### Japan's Elderly Inmates Get Barrier-Free Jails

Faced with a prison population aging as rapidly as the rest of the country, Japan is to build new jails with access for disabled people, including elevators, slopes for wheelchairs and grab-bars in toilets and baths. The three new penal facilities may also have specialists in nursing and rehabilitation on staff.

For the full article, see:

<http://uk.reuters.com/article/oddlyEnoughNews/idUKT17384820080104?feedType=RSS&feedName=oddlyEnoughNews>

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## NORDIC COUNTRIES

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### European Business Conference on Inclusive Design

The Norwegian Design Council, in partnership with the Helen Hamlyn Research Center, is arranging the first European Business Conference on Inclusive Design in May 2008. Inclusive design is about creating innovation. It uses design to generate new products and ideas that benefit society as well as maximize profit.

The preliminary agenda includes:

- + 24 Hour Design Challenge.
- + Creating and marketing inclusively designed kitchens and bathrooms – an Interior Design Company's perspective
- + The inclusive design project of the Fukuoka City Tube Nanakuma Line
- + Connecting people - Design for All

For full conference details, see: <http://www.norskdeshign.no/conferense-on-inclusive-design/european-business-conference-on-inclusive-design-2008-article2780-235.html>

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## SINGAPORE

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### New National Design Centre for Ageing

The Temasek Design School will play a leadership role in Singapore's new National Design Centre for Ageing. The >60 Design Centre was announced in January 2008 -- the Centre has been established by the Ministry of Community, Youth and Sports (MCYS).

The >60 Design Centre will generate ideas and research for development and commercialisation. It will also provide design consultation to industry to develop products for the international silver market and generate public and industry interest in designing for the ageing via seminars, workshops and conferences.

The Centre's web-site is at: <http://www.greaterthan60.com/>

To read the announcement, visit:

[http://www.icograda.org/newsletter/index/enews\\_issues4/enews\\_articles26.htm?issue=4&recipient=19908](http://www.icograda.org/newsletter/index/enews_issues4/enews_articles26.htm?issue=4&recipient=19908)

The web-site for the Temasek Design School is at: <http://www-des.tp.edu.sg/>

## Universal Design Awards 2008

The Singapore Building and Construction Authority (BCA) is again having a universal design competition, the 2008 BCA Universal Design Award for Built Environment.

The objectives of the award are:

- a) To recognize qualified persons, designers, developers and building owners for initiatives and efforts in creating a built environment that could be used by people of different ages and abilities; and
- b) To promote good practices and to raise the awareness of the importance of providing suitable facilities not only within the building itself but also outside the building so that continuous and seamless barrier-free accessibility from buildings to buildings and to infra-structure is possible for people of different ages and abilities.

The deadline for this award has been extended to February 29, 2008.

For full award details, see: <http://www.bca.gov.sg/friendly/friendly.html>

The entry web-page for the BCA Friendly Built Environment is:

<http://www.bca.gov.sg/friendly/friendly.html>

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## SWITZERLAND

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### Barrier-Free Banking

Credit Suisse has launched a wide-ranging long-term project to provide full accessibility to the bank and its services for people with disabilities. Branches, Internet pages, contact centers, processes and information sent out to clients have all been reviewed to assess their accessibility for people with impaired vision or mobility, and the deaf and hard of hearing. This has led to large numbers of adaptations. For example, a considerable number of ATMs have already been moved to a lower level and in the next few months, about 2,400 employees will also be made more aware of the special needs of people with disabilities and will receive training on this subject. Additionally, branch conversions, extensions and new buildings will all be designed to meet the needs of disabled users wherever this is technically possible and appropriate. For example, pathways and parking areas outside branches will be free of raised sections or physical obstacles such as seats or steps.

The full article is at: <http://www.webwire.com/ViewPressRel.asp?ald=56663>

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## UNITED KINGDOM

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### Inclusive Design Packaging

UK product design studio, Gusto Design Ltd, have created new structural packaging for Boots' own brand range of premium vitamins where the objectives were an inclusive design approach to create an easy to open pack which would appeal to a broad range of consumers (including those with limited grip strength). The final chosen concept is centered around a domed, textured cap which fits into the palm of the hand for extra grip and leverage on opening. A secondary color coded labeling area was included on the cap to allow consumers to quickly identify the vitamin type they required in store amongst the vast array of products on offer.

To read more about the new packaging, visit: <http://www.dexigner.com/product/news-g13237.html>

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### Landscape design for older people

The Sensory Trust promotes and implements an inclusive approach to design and management of outdoor space, richer connections between people and place and equality of access for all people, regardless of age, disability or background. Their recent newsletter highlights landscape design for older people

As we grow older many of us look forward to a time when we can give up work and do a little bit more of what we fancy... we know it does us good. A lot of us may think about walking in the countryside, traveling to new places or perhaps spending days whiling away our time in our own gardens. However, as we grow older our bodies and senses have a slightly different idea about what they want to do and are not quite as enthusiastic as they once were.

There are a few points to consider that can help make sure we are all happy and safe in the great outdoors. These considerations can be applied to any outdoor site, from public parks to private gardens and will help make the experience more accessible and enjoyable for a wider range of visitors, not only older people. The considerations covered are: mobility, reach, visual impairment, sensitivity to weather extremes, impairment of mental faculties, and erosion of confidence.

Read the full article at:

[http://www.sensorytrust.org.uk/news/newsletters/newsletter\\_14/landscape\\_design\\_older\\_disabled.htm](http://www.sensorytrust.org.uk/news/newsletters/newsletter_14/landscape_design_older_disabled.htm)

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## UNITED STATES

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### Accessible America Awards

The National Organization on Disability has announced that nine communities have been selected as finalists in its 2007 Accessible America Competition: Alexandria, VA; Bloomington, IN; Columbus, GA; Hattiesburg, MS; Houston, TX; Indianapolis, IN; Miami-Dade County, FL; New Haven, CT; and Sioux Falls, SD. Read more about each of these communities at <http://www.nod.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=Page.ViewPage&PageID=1560>

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### Access Living's Universally Designed Building

In early 2007, Access Living, a center for independent living in Chicago, opened the doors for business at 115 West Chicago Avenue in a new, state-of-the-art facility which stands as a national model of universal design. The building was designed to meet the needs of future users while having a limited impact on the environment, making it one of the first buildings to combine Universal and Green Design.

To document and evaluate the groundbreaking nature of this project, Access Living is collaborating with researchers from the University of Illinois at Chicago to produce an illustrated case study or monograph. It will describe and analyze aspects of the design that qualify as universal, with special discussion of cost as it relates to those decisions. There will also be a visual display on the premises including a virtual tour of the universal design aspects of the building.

In addition to the case study, the magazine Architectural Products featured a four-part series chronicling the development and construction of Access Living's new office.

To view the articles, visit: <http://www.accessliving.org/APFinalReprint.pdf>.  
For information on Access Living, visit: [http://www.accessliving.org/Capital\\_Campaign.htm](http://www.accessliving.org/Capital_Campaign.htm)

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### ADA and New Accessibility Resources

Though ADA and other accessibility requirements reflect only elements of what make good Universal Design, these resources on ADA and accessibility reflect the continued awareness of communities and entities to maintain their focus on increasing the inclusivity of buildings and information systems for people throughout their lives.

- + ADA Audio Series: <http://www.ada-ohio.org/informat.htm>
  - + Easy Access Chicago: <http://easyaccesschicago.org/>
  - + Accessible Sidewalk Videos: <http://www.access-board.gov/news/sidewalk-videos.htm>
  - + 30 Articles on Emergency Preparedness: <http://www.emergencyinfoonline.org/eas/3030/>
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+ Creative Practices in Home Safety Assessment and Modification Study:  
<http://www.healthyagingprograms.org/content.asp?sectionid=69&ElementID=568>

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## Designing for Inclusive Play; Applying the Principles of Universal Design to the Playground

This article from the National Center on Accessibility talks about how when designing a playground, the use of the Principles of Universal Design, using a human-centered design approach at the onset of the planning process results in a playground that is welcoming, inclusive and FUN for everyone! This ensures that recreation providers and advocates for children's play make sure that each public play space is not only accessible, but welcoming and inclusive of the many children and adult caregivers that will use it. The article gives examples of how to employ the Principles of Universal Design in playground design.

The full article is at: <http://www.ncaonline.org/index.php?q=node/331>

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## Livable Communities Awards

Two builders, two developers, and a remodeler received the first Livable Communities Awards, presented by the National Association of Home Builders and AARP. The awards recognize homes and communities that are well designed, safe, comfortable, and accessible, regardless of the occupants' age or abilities. The winning projects were:

- The Integral Group, Atlanta (Developer, More Than 250 Units)
- Madison Area Community Land Trust, Madison, Wis. (Developer, Up to 250 Units)
- Wendt Builders Inc., Snellville, Ga. (Builder, More Than 2,500 Square Feet)
- John Wesley Miller Companies, Tucson, Ariz. (Builder, Up to 2,500 Square Feet)
- Quality Design and Construction, Raleigh, N.C. (Remodeler, More Than \$25,000)

To read the full article: <http://www.builderonline.com/industry-news.asp?sectionID=26&articleID=625936>

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## Microsoft Users to "Save as Daisy"

Microsoft Corp. and the Digital Accessible Information System (DAISY) Consortium announced a joint standards-based development project that will make it possible for computer users who are blind or print-disabled to make better use of assistive technology in their daily lives.

In recent decades, individuals with print disabilities have increasingly accessed information using a wide variety of assistive technologies such as screen readers, large print, refreshable Braille and text-to-speech synthesizers. However, because these individuals cannot visually navigate complex page layouts, they often struggle to keep up with the demands of today's information-rich society.

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This project will yield a free, downloadable plug-in for Microsoft Office Word that can translate Open XML-based documents into DAISY XML, the foundation of the globally accepted DAISY Standard for reading and publishing navigable multimedia content.

To read more about the project, see: [http://www.examiner.com/p-72048~Microsoft Users to Save As DAISY .html](http://www.examiner.com/p-72048~Microsoft_Users_to_Save_As_Daisy_.html)

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## Studio for Adaptable and Inclusive Design

StudioAID's mission is to educate Arkansas residents, designers, and builders about adaptable and inclusive design in an effort to achieve more livable, attainable, environmentally responsible, socially inclusive, and high-quality residences and communities in Arkansas.

The web-site contains user-friendly practical resources such as tutorials, publications, bibliographies, case studies, and links, as well as design prototypes and standards to help with its mission.

To learn more about the Studio, visit: <http://studioaid.org/>

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## Tucson Passes Sweeping Visitability Bill

In October 2007 Concrete Change announced that Tucson became the largest U.S. city to pass an ordinance requiring basic access in ALL new houses, including a zero-step entrance. The Arizona Star reported that the Inclusive Home Design ordinance passed City Council unanimously and it took effect January 1, 2008.

You can read the ordinance (PDF format) at:

<http://www.tucsonaz.gov/dsd/InclusiveHomeDesignOrdinance.pdf>

To learn more about Visitability, visit Concrete Change at: <http://www.concretechange.org/>  
Concrete Change has a free PowerPoint presentation that you can download -- "Entryways: Constructing Attractive, Low-Cost Zero-Step Entrances"

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## Ultimate Home Design Invites Universal Design Articles

Wolf Preiser, Editor for Universal Design for the magazine Ultimate Home Design, is soliciting articles for a special issue on universal design planned for sometime later this year. Well illustrated (images and floor plans at 300dpi) articles of about 2,500 to 3,000 words in length are welcome. They should focus on home design with an emphasis on innovative universal design features. There are no deadlines, since we use the "first come, first serve" rule. This solicitation is limited to North America, as the magazine's primary audience is based in North America. For further information please contact Wolf at [wolfgang.preiser@uc.edu](mailto:wolfgang.preiser@uc.edu).

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## Universal Design on Stage

Bridge Multimedia and Camp Broadway have partnered with the producers of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" to create a fully accessible theater experience. Explore accessible excerpts of the "Spelling Bee" Playbill®, show synopsis, visual descriptions and Stage Notes® study guide in three formats: PDF download, html text, and mp3 audio available at: <http://www.bridgemultimedia.com/spellingbee/index.php>

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## Universal Townhouse Design

Project Independence is one of the first townhouse communities in the U.S. to feature universal design in all of its units. On Saturday, June 24, 2006, ground was broken for this 8-unit development in Burke, a Virginia suburb of Washington, DC. With the help of local and national government allies in overcoming zoning and funding obstacles, the homes are expected to be ready for occupancy in summer 2008.

Word is spreading to the community, including county organizations for elders and people with disabilities. Contacts have also been made with two congressional offices and with Walter Reed Army Hospital to explore how Project Independence might help meet the needs of military personnel with disabilities returning from Afghanistan and Iraq.

To learn more, visit: <http://www.lutheranhousing.org/>  
(Thanks to Jim Mueller of the IDSA Special Interest Section on Universal Design for this information)

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## WORLD

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### AARP International

AARP International has revamped and updated its web-site. It now has a Livable Communities Area. Check out it's new look at:

[http://www.aarpinternational.org/topics/topics\\_list.htm?topic=1976](http://www.aarpinternational.org/topics/topics_list.htm?topic=1976)

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### Accessible Transportation Around the World

The newest edition of this newsletter is now available and as usual is full of information about Transportation issues, success and challenges around the world. The current edition's headlines include:

- + Global policy, international guidelines, and accessible bus projects merge to give inclusive transit fresh energy in less-wealthy countries
  - + Bus Rapid Transit Introduces Access for All in Cities Around the World
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- + But accessible buses and trains are not enough! Everyone – including those with disabilities – needs accessible sidewalks and pedestrian paths to get to public transit.
- + News and Notes from Around the World
- and more ...

To read the latest newsletter (PDF format), visit: <http://www.globalride-sf.org/newsletters/0801.pdf>

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## Building Comfortable and Liveable Environments for All

The CIB Working Commission 084 "Building Comfortable Environments for All" will hold an International Meeting May 15-16 2008 at Georgia Institute of Technology (USA). The topic areas include: Costs of Accessibility; Harmonization of Legislation and Standards; Sports, Recreation and Accessible Environments; Education and Training, Universal Design at The Urban Scale, Technological Tools Supporting the Accessible Environment and Challenges in Developing Countries.

The original call for papers is at:

<http://www.sparc.ac.uk/media/pdf/FirstCALLAnnouncementW084.pdf>

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## International Design Excellence Awards (IDEA)

Each year, BusinessWeek magazine and the Industrial Designers Society of America (IDSA) co-sponsor the International Design Excellence Awards (IDEA). BusinessWeek publishes the winners in its special July issue.

Responding to an increasing number of IDEA entries that focus on universal design, for 2008, IDSA has granted its IDEA jury discretion to grant a "Best of Universal Design" Award, should they feel that an entry is especially deserving. Determination will be made on the basis of how well the design follows the Principles of Universal Design.

To learn more, visit: <http://www.idsa.org/idea>

(Thanks to Jim Mueller of the IDSA Special Interest Section on Universal Design for this information)

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## The UNECE Ministerial Conference on Ageing

This conference held in November 2007 had as its purpose to review the implementation of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Regional Implementation Strategy (RIS) of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing (MIPAA). The original strategy was adopted five years ago and the conference was to consider findings of national reviews, share experiences and good practices and identify priorities for future action. The web-site includes the following: Report, including the declaration and chairperson's summary, León Ministerial Declaration, Information for NGOs, List of participants, Country reports on the implementation of MIPAA/RIS and more.

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To learn more about this conference, visit:

[http://www.unece.org/pau/age/ConferenceonAgeing\\_2007/welcome.htm](http://www.unece.org/pau/age/ConferenceonAgeing_2007/welcome.htm)

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## CALENDAR AND CALLS FOR PAPERS

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**Feb 20 – March 5, 2008:** Creating Aging-Friendly Communities (online conference. Full details at: <http://www.icohere.com/agingfriendly/>)

**March 7, 2008:** Deadline - International Design Excellence Awards (IDEA 2008). Full details at: <http://www.idsa.org/IDEA2008/index.htm>

**March 15, 2008:** Deadline - European Prize for Urban Public Space 2008. Accepting submissions of major projects that created and remodelled public spaces completed in Europe between 2006 and 2007. The call for entries, the rules, information about the international jury and all the registration details can be found at: [www.urban.cccb.org](http://www.urban.cccb.org)

**March 17-19, 2008:** Environments for Aging 2008 – Designs For a New Era, Tucson, AZ. Full details at: <http://www.environmentsforaging.com/ME2/Default.asp>

**Mar 26-30, 2008:** Aging in America Conference, Washington, DC. This is a joint NCOA-ASA Conference. Full details at: <http://www.agingconference.org/asav2/conf/jc/jc08/> (note: audio tapes are available for the 2006 and 2007 conference sessions, <https://www.nrstaping.com/asa/>)

**April 13-16 2008:** Designing Inclusive Futures: "Creating a better balance of work, living and leisure, for disability and ageing" -- CWUAAT 2008, The 4th Cambridge Workshop on Universal Access (UA) and Assistive Technology (AT). The workshop theme "Designing Inclusive Futures" reflects the need to explore the issues and practicalities of design that is intended to extend our active future lives in a coherent way. This encompasses design for inclusion: in the workplace; for businesses; for the individual and of products in these contexts. Full details at: <http://rehab-www.eng.cam.ac.uk/cwuaat/cwuaat08.htm>

**April 14-15, 2008:** 2008 Pac Rim, Honolulu, HA. Full details at: [www.pacrim.hawaii.edu](http://www.pacrim.hawaii.edu)

**May 5-6, 2008:** European Business Conference on Inclusive Design 2008, Oslo, Norway. Details at: <http://www.norskdesign.no/conferense-on-inclusive-design/european-business-conference-on-inclusive-design-2008-article2780-235.html>

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**May 12-14, 2008:** National ADA Symposium & EXPO/Assistive Technology Fair, St. Louis, MO. Full details at: <http://www.adasymposium.org/>

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**May 15-16, 2008:** CIB W 084 -- Building Comfortable and Liveable Environments for All, Atlanta, GA. Announcement at: <http://www.sparc.ac.uk/media/pdf/FirstCALLAnnouncementW084.pdf>

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**June 8-11, 2008:** The Inaugural Conference on the Inclusive Museum, National Museum of Ethnology, Leiden, The Netherlands. For full details: <http://z08.cgpublisher.com/>

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**August 25-28, 2008:** 9th Global Conference on Ageing and Exposition Ageing & Design 2008, Quebec, Canada. Sponsored by the International Federation on Aging. Full details at: <http://www.expoageing.com/2/home.html>

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**September 4-6, 2008:** 21st RI (Rehabilitation International) World Congress, Quebec City, Canada -- Disability Rights and Social Participation: Ensuring a Society for All. The purpose of the RI World Congress is also to act as a catalyst for concretely implementing human rights for people with disabilities by creating a society that is accessible for all. Full details at: <http://www.riquebec2008.org/>

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**October 6-8, 2008:** Toward Culturally Responsive Disability Services, Niagara Falls, NY. Complete information and the Call for Papers are at: <http://cirrie.buffalo.edu/conference2008/index.html>

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

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

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